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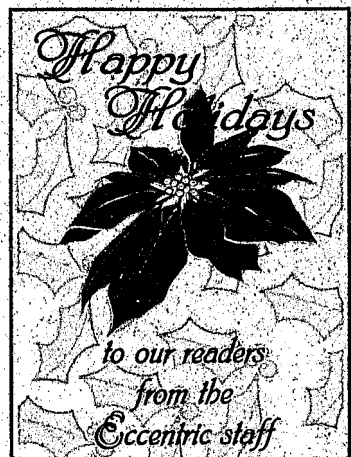
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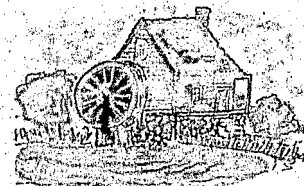
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AROUND



THE MILL POND

Season of good will

Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger took time at the township board's Tuesday meeting to thank an anonymous couple who for three years has welcomed an elderly stranger turned friend into their home and hearts during the holiday season. He said it is uplifting to see the spirit of the Christmas season in action.

Address experts

A recent call to the post office after the death of long-time postmistress Elizabeth Ronk yielded an appropriate observation. The postal employee on the phone had no idea what the phone numbers were for people who may have worked with Mrs. Ronk. She did, however, know their addresses from memory.



Full-time officials' pay plan OK'd



Independence Township Board approved a compensation package for its three full-time members. The issue has caused cross words between the three full-time members and the four trustees, who made the recommendations.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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After a year of study and debate, the Independence Township board approved a compensation package for the three full-time elected officials Tuesday. Beginning with the 2000 term, full-time elected officials in Independence

Township will receive a stipend instead of a township-leased car. Current full-time officials — Supervisor Dale Stuart, Clerk Joan McCrary and Treasurer Jim Wenger — will have the choice to either keep the cars they have until the next election or take the stipend. The officials also will be eligible for retirement medical benefits. Salaries for 1999 were agreed upon. Officials last received a raise in 1998.

The issue of compensation has caused divisiveness among the board members. In June, the four trustees — Dan Travis, Jeff McGee, Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace — were given the task of drafting a recommendation for the three full-time officials because the board couldn't decide on an appropriate package. Trustees attend meetings but do not work full-time at town hall. Called the Full Time Elected Officials Compensation Committee, the group of trustees gave a report to the public in mid-September. The full-time officials were not happy with the report and wrote their own response. The issue has not come up at a meeting

since September, but Tuesday the full-time officials' response was discussed publicly. Wallace said the two groups disagree on a couple of basic principles — that benefits are a part of compensation and elected officials are not the same as employees such as department heads. The committee attempted to quantify things like medical benefits, cars and salaries to be able to make valid comparisons with other communities. The full-time officials didn't think all those things could be taken together. Trustee Wallace said full-time offi-

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Rockin' reindeer: Children from the Clarkston Community Schools Funshine Preschool program got a chance to show off their singing talents — and their antlers.

STAFF PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Littlest angels

Preschoolers host holiday concert

The North Sashabaw Elementary School auditorium was filled with the sound of little angels Dec. 14 as the children in the Clarkston Community Schools Funshine Preschool program gave a holiday concert. A few non-holiday songs were also included just for the fun of it. Each class sang a portion of the program. Children in Room 1 sang "Rudolph the Camel," "Ring, Ring the Bells," "I'm a Little Pine Tree," "Christmas Day Will Soon Be Here" and

"Comin' Down the Chimney." Children in Portable B classroom sang "Hurry, Drive That Fire Truck," "Turtle Song," "Clifford," "Dear Old Santa" and "Over the River and Through the Woods." The classes sang "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" together. Parents and other friends and relatives filled the auditorium to hear the 3-5-year-olds welcome the holiday season. Children and parents were equally proud of the performance.



Belting it out: Eric Ashby, 5, and Lucas Runyan, 4, sing "Rudolph the Camel" at the Funshine Early Childhood Center concert.



Finger bells: Ian Shakelford, 4, of Clarkston puts on a glove adorned with bells prior to singing "Five Little Bells."



Proud participant: Laney Robinson, 4, of Clarkston smiles as a packed house applauds.



Paparazzi pops: Proud fathers line up at the back of the North Sashabaw Elementary School's auditorium to catch their little ones on tape.

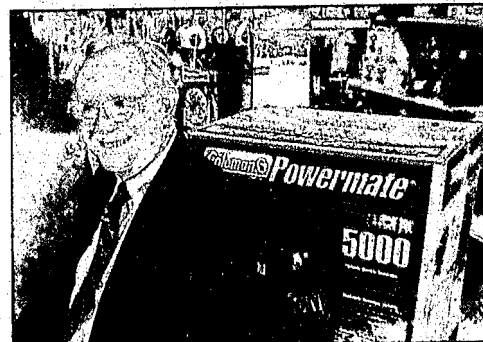
Local stores stocked for Y2K

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Making your plans for New Year's Eve to celebrate the beginning of the new millennium? The American Red Cross hopes you're also making plans for any potential Y2K problems that might occur after the clock strikes midnight and carries us into the year 2000. The Red Cross suggests households be stocked, for example, with extra water, batteries, flashlights,

canned foods, blankets, gloves, hats and heating equipment in case there are any disruptions in electric and gas service to homes. A non-scientific survey of local stores Wednesday revealed that they're prepared to help consumers who haven't already purchased the extra supplies they want to have on hand. Clarkston True Value Hardware, 5800 Ortonville Road, has a whole section devoted to Y2K supplies. "We're on top of everything," said store manager Dave Sherk Jr.

"We have a big area of Y2K items that we restock every day." He said he hasn't seen a rush yet on these items because people either are already prepared or don't think there's going to be an interruption of services. "We did have two people come in and purchase all the candles we had at that time," he said, "but other than that, I think people are waiting to buy supplies until the last minute." The store has a large supply of



Be prepared: Ralph Chambers, Y2K coordinator for Clarkston True Value Hardware, made sure the store is stocked.

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...because they are elected for a four-year "temporary" position which doesn't have a specific job description, should not be considered employees. Therefore, they should not be entitled to all the benefits of long-time, permanent employees.

■ "...we have to go on with the business of the township. We've taken too much time already (on the compensation issue)."

*Larry Rosso
 Independence Township trustee*

The full-time officials disagreed. "I think it's appropriate for the township to provide this benefit to the office, not the person, the office," Stuart said.

Wallace said he was disappointed with the full-time officials' response to the recommendation.

"First and foremost it calls into question the motives of the trustees," Wallace said. "This was a serious and thoughtful process."

He said he was under the impression the reason the trustees were chosen to recommend a compensation package was because they were elected as well and therefore accountable to the public.

Trustee Jeff McGee said he was uneasy about serving on the committee in the first place because he could see how any recommendation would be open to misunderstanding.

"That report was not received favorably so my fears were realized," McGee said.

Still, he thinks the report is valid, although he is sorry it has caused bad feelings.

When motions to adopt portions of the report piece by piece came, Wallace objected. He and McGee said they thought it was a total recommendation to be taken as a whole.

Wenger moved that the board approve retirement medical benefits for the officials. They would be eligible at age 55 and after serving two consecutive terms in office. However, they must apply for Medicare benefits when they become eligible for them. They also would have to pay any increases in premiums and a \$5 co-pay for prescriptions.

McGee and Wallace were concerned about the potential cost to the township for retirement medical benefits now and in the future because of the escalating cost of health care.

Rosso said the compensation issues needed to be resolved and he was willing to break with McGee and Wallace and voted with the full-time officials on all three motions. Travis is still ill and was not present. He did send board members a memo in November suggesting that if they could come to agreement on the retirement medical benefits, perhaps the rest would follow.

Rosso said he is looking at political realities.

"The fault lies primarily with the (full-time) elected officials dragging on for a year," he said. "However, we have to go on with the business of the township. We've taken too much time already."

He said residents are fed up. But Wallace didn't think it was smart to pass something just to have a package in place.

"It seems now we are going to make this decision not on merits but on consensus, political realities and let's call it what it is, expediency."

Salaries for the full-time officials will be \$60,500 for Stuart compared with \$58,000 now and \$54,000 each for McCrary and Wenger, compared to \$53,000 now. Those are 1999 salaries. A motion to make them for 2000 failed. By law the raises cannot be retroactive. Stuart said he doesn't know what will happen for salaries for 2000.

OBITUARIES

Laura N. 'Nell' Koch

Laura N. Koch of Clarkston died Dec. 23, 1999, at age 76.

Mrs. Koch is survived by her husband, Nathan.

She is also survived by son Jim (Janna) Koch and four daughters, Judy Naughton, Peggy Bruni, Patty (Kent) Hascall and Sandy (Bob) Simpson. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Lisa, Chris, Alex, Erica, Grayson, Robert and Christa.

Funeral services will be held Monday at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation or Cranbrook Hospice.

Sharon Leone Spicer

Sharon Leone Spicer of Clarkston died Dec. 22, 1999, at age 60.

Mrs. Spicer was a home care giver for elderly women for many years. She loved to play bingo.

Mrs. Spicer was the beloved wife and soul mate of Charles for 43 years.

She is survived by four sons and one daughter, Daniel (Lea), Randall (Linda), Charles (Denise), Bryan (fiancee' Karen) and Kimberly. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and

two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Spicer is also survived by five brothers, Richard, Robert, Melvin, Gary and John Haines, and four sisters, Donna Herr, Nancy Hodges, Darlene Beasley and Judy Haines.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 24, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were made by Coats Funeral Home.

James E. Willhite Sr.

James E. Willhite Sr. of Clarkston died Dec. 20, 1999, at age 84.

Mr. Willhite owned and operated Montealm Auto Glass, Pontiac. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 810 and enjoyed bowling and golfing.

Mr. Willhite is survived by his wife, Josephine, and two children, Joanne (Charles) Johnson of Illinois and James (Ann) of Bloomfield. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Shari, Scott, Lynn and James, and three great grandchildren, Todd and Angela Starbuck.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Integrated Health Services or an organization of your choice.

HONOR ROLL

Following is the Clarkston Renaissance High School Honor Roll for First Quarter, 1999-2000:

3.5-3.9
 Bigelow, Jessica
 DeLeon, Lisa
 Glova, Matt
 Jazowski, Dawn
 Nesbitt, Jayme

3.0-3.49
 Bilbey, Amanda
 Brotemarkel, Brian
 Chand, Gitanjali

Eberle, Keena
 Filbey, George
 Kott, Shannon
 Lawson, Jessica
 Liford, Shana
 Spangler, Kerri
 Taylor, Tricia

2.75-2.9
 Dendy, Rhonda
 Forsyth, Alan
 Gates, Amy
 Klein, Nate
 Kulis, Angela
 Smith, Taran
 Willis, Mandy

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston school events
 Dec. 29: CHS varsity basketball — 4 p.m. Cobó Hall.
 Dec. 29: CHS wrestling-A Team — 10 a.m. Goodrich Invita-

tional.
 All Clarkston Community schools are closed through Jan. 2. Students return to school on Monday, Jan. 3.

Independence Township Library
 The library is closed Sunday and Monday. It will resume regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but will be closed

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. It will be open Jan. 2.

Independence Township Recreation

Sign up for indoor co-ed volleyball begins Jan. 3. League runs Wednesdays starting Jan. 26.
 Sign up for spring soccer also begins Jan. 3 for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Beef and biscuit
Wednesday: Low-sodium ham
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Closed

Holiday closures

Independence Township offices: Closed Dec. 27 and 31.
 Springfield Township offices: Closed Dec. 27 and 31.
 City of the Village of Clarkston: Closed Dec. 27 and 31.

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 Library — 625-2212
 Parks and Recreation — 625-8223
 Department of Public Works — 625-8222
 Senior center — 625-8231
 Police, non-emergency — 858-4911
 Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924

Springfield Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-4802
 Library — 625-0595
 Parks and Recreation at Hart Community Center — 634-0412
 Police, non-emergency — 858-4950
 Fire, non-emergency — 634-6766

City of the Village of Clarkston General Information

City Hall — 625-1559
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Medical center brings health care closer to home

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Patients filing in and out of Mid Oakland Medical Center all day long gives Dr. Charles Munk a satisfying feeling.

Munk, along with a group of other investors, built the medical building at M-15 and Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

"It's been a real labor of love," said Munk, who has practiced orthodontics in Clarkston for 30 years. "It makes me feel good seeing the parking lot full and people getting taken care of."

The center houses offices for a family practice physician, a general surgeon, an internist, a dermatologist, an orthopedist, an endocrinologist, an ophthalmologist and an ear, nose and throat doctor, said Pete Ehrenberg of Premier Management Services, who manages the building.

St. Joseph Hospital leases the most space in the building and that is why that name is out front, he said. The building is owned by a group of investors. Doctors began moving into the building in May 1998, and it is now completely leased. Some physicians are still moving in. Ehrenberg said more doctors from St. Joseph are expected and a dental practice will be up and running soon, too. Also planned is an obstetrician/gynecologist office.

What makes Mid Oakland convenient, he said, is the care available beyond regular doctors' offices.

Mid Oakland has a radiology practice so patients who need X-rays or a CT scan don't have to travel as far. The Michigan Institute for Radiation Oncology also has space in the building. Vickie Little is a registered nurse with special certification in radiation oncology. She said cancer patients getting radiation treatment normally come five days a week for anywhere from four to six weeks.

"It makes a big difference" where the cancer patients live, Little said.

The next closest office in their group is in Pontiac. She said although she gets many patients from the north Oakland area, patients come from all over. Some are staying with family while they receive treatment.

The Institute uses a linear accelerator, considered state of the art for radiation treatment,

Little said. She added that the radiation oncologists, nurses and other staff members all work together to make sure patients receive the best care. A medical physicist also is on staff. The doctor prescribes the radiation treatment, and the medical physicist makes sure the dosage is distributed evenly and appropriately.

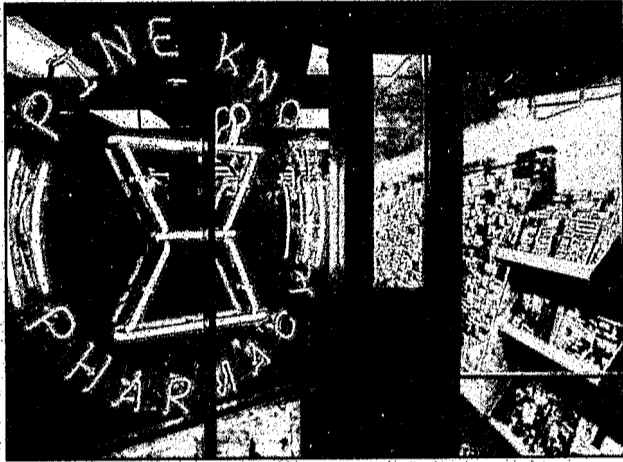
The Institute recently learned it will soon begin training resident physicians. Little said they are expecting a chemotherapy unit to move in soon near the radiation clinic.

Mid Oakland also includes a kidney dialysis unit, a laboratory and a pharmacy, Ehrenberg

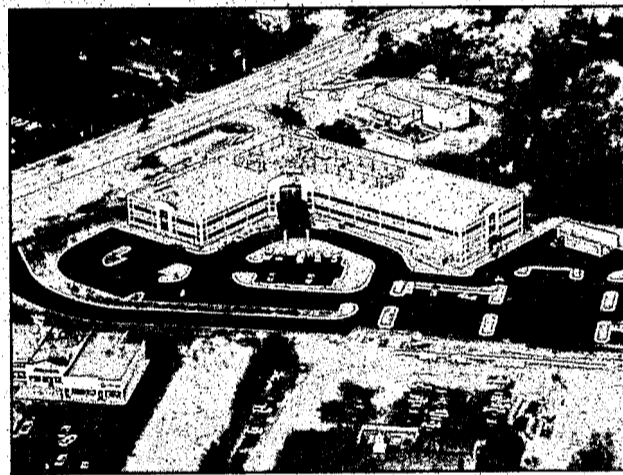
said. Centers like Mid Oakland with a wide range of services are becoming more common, he said, because while they offer many specialists and specialized services like dialysis, the overhead is less than at a hospital and it is often closer for patients.

Dr. Munk said he built his original building during the Carter Administration because there was a need for medical office space and this latest project is a continuation of that.

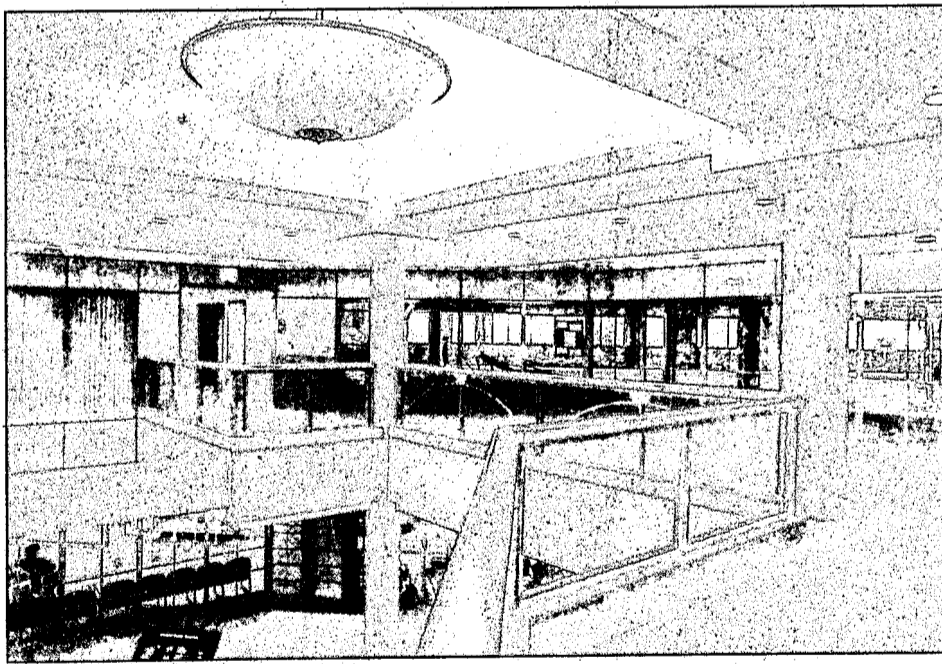
"You can put up a lot of stuff on a piece of property, but I also felt I wanted something up that would be in the best interest of the community," he said.



One stop: Having a pharmacy on site in the Mid Oakland Medical Center saves patients time and energy.



From the air: The Mid Oakland Medical Center at M-15 and Dixie Highway opened 18 months ago.



Airy atmosphere: The second floor of Mid Oakland Medical Center is quiet first thing on a Wednesday morning. The medical building is still filling with physicians and related services.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

State of the art: Darlene Patterson and Matt Davis show how the linear accelerator at the Michigan Institute for Radiation Oncology works.

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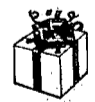
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Independence Police

No major reports

Springfield Township

Malicious destruction
On Dec. 20, a 28-year-old woman reported her dog ran out of the house and returned injured in the 10200 block of

Andersonville Road. She believed it was shot. There are no suspects at this time.

Malicious destruction

On Dec. 20, the owner of a vehicle parked in the 8700 block of Andersonville Road was keyed while the owner was at work.

Larceny from automobile

On Dec. 23, someone smashed the side windows of an automobile parked in the driveway in the 9200 block of Ute Point. It resulted in damage to the dash board and the rear seat, where it

was ripped open to get into the trunk area.

Clarkston Police

No major reports

Independence Fire

Fire calls

The Independence Township Fire Department responded to 10 calls Dec. 20-22. These included eight medical calls, one personal-injury call and one public service call.

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batteries, kerosene and kerosene heaters, kerosene cans, water in gallon jugs, enough fire logs to fill a couple of houses, Sherk said, and some generators.

"We even have flashlights that don't need batteries," he added. These are solar powered and also powered by the old fashioned hand-cranking method. Turning the crank gives flashlights 15 minutes of power.

Clarkston True Value is closed Jan. 1 but reopens at 10 a.m. Jan. 2.

Here are some other local stores that are well-prepared with Y2K emergency supplies:

■ **ACO Hardware**, 5691 Sashabaw Road. Assistant manager Brian Doetsch said the ACO warehouse is sending supplies constantly to its stores.

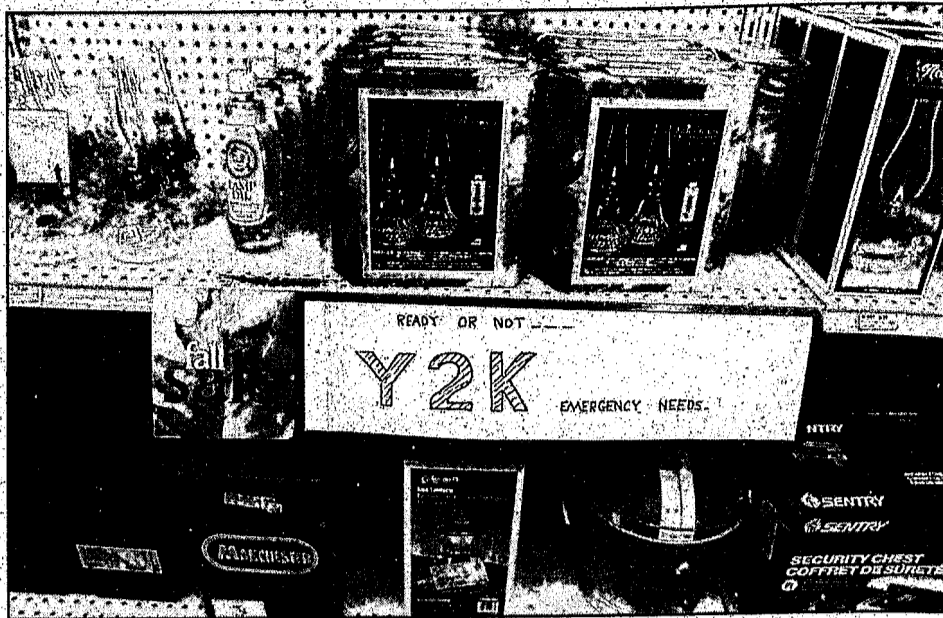
"Batteries, flashlights and water are in big demand right now," he said.

The store also is well-stocked with fire starters and fire logs, batteries, drinking water, flashlights, gas and kerosene cans, oil lamps and oil, Coleman fuel and charcoal, hand-operated can openers and canned soups.

"We're carrying more than we normally do of these items," he added. The store will reopen Jan. 2 after being closed New Year's Day.

■ **Damman Hardware**, 6669 Dixie Highway. Marg Quessnell, store manager, said the store is ready for customers needing Y2K supplies. It has stocks of water-filtering pitchers and filters, warm hats and gloves, propane-powered heaters, propane and kerosene in smaller containers, wind-up flashlights, hand-operated can openers, emergency candles and more. It's closed New Year's Day and opens again Jan. 2.

■ **Rite Aid Pharmacy**, 5789



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Help is there: Local hardware stores are keeping their shelves filled as much as possible with Y2K emergency items.

Ortonville Road. The marketing office in Pennsylvania said all the stores are stocked with extra water, batteries, flashlights and different items people are looking for. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 1.

■ **Rudy's Quality Market**, 9 S. Main St. "We're prepared for any Y2K crisis," said Robert Eshaki, who owns the market with partner Chris Thomas. "If anyone has been in our store, they know we are fully stocked all the time. We have fresh food and canned food and water. Just come here on Jan. 1 if you need something to eat," he said.

■ **CVS Pharmacy**, 7091 Dixie Highway. Assistant manager

Dennis Holloway said he hasn't seen a rush yet on any certain items. "I think people either already have the products they think they need or they don't think anything will happen," he said. He added the store, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 1, has many emergency items in stock, including mittens, hats, socks and long underwear.

■ **Farmer Jack Markets**, 7121 Dixie Highway. Manager Steve Weiss has noticed customers purchasing a lot of paper products. "I don't know if that's due to Christmas or to Y2K," he said. The store has ordered extras of any supplies customers

may need and will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 1.

■ **Kroger Co.**, 6625 Dixie Highway. "We're not anticipating any shortages," said Kroger spokesman Gary Rhodes. But the chain stores have taken an active approach to order more items for Y2K.

"We have increased orders for pharmaceuticals, batteries, bottled water and New Year's party-related supplies and other items, like canned goods," Rhodes added. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 1.

Waterford Eccentric reporter Paul Pace contributed to this story.

RED CROSS CHECK LIST

The following check list for Y2K preparedness comes from the American Red Cross:

■ Increase stock of nonperishable goods to last several days to a week for your family. This includes stored water, nonperishable food and an ample supply of prescription and non-prescription medications that you regularly use.

■ Prepare as you would for a storm. Have extra cash on hand or travelers checks in case electronic transactions cannot be processed.

■ Keep your gas tank in your vehicles above half full.

■ In case the power fails, plan to use alternative cooking devices. Don't use open flames or charcoal grills indoors.

■ Have extra blankets, coats and gloves to keep warm. Don't use gas-fueled appliances, such as ovens, as an alternative heat source.

■ Have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Don't use candles for emergency lighting.

■ Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection during a prolonged power outage or if for any other reason local officials request that you leave your home.

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Independence ready for 2000, supervisor says

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said residents have nothing to fear when the clock ticks to 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1.

"You don't have to worry about this because we are," he said.

Township employees will be on hand from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. New Year's Eve just to keep an eye on things. If for some reason there is a problem, they can deal with it, he said.

"We believe the township is ready for the year 2000," he said.

If there is a medical, police or fire emergency, people should call 911 as usual. For other types of problems, people should call the normal township number,

625-5111. The calls will get answered, Stuart said. He asked, however, not to call unless it is a true emergency.

No one will be at the Springfield Township offices on New Year's Eve, Clerk Nancy Strole said. Since the township has no Department of Public Works and does not run its own water and sewer system, there isn't a lot to worry about.

Of course, fire and police personnel will be working as usual.

The same is true in the City of the Village of Clarkston. City Manager Art Pappas said police and fire services will be available, but no one will be at City Hall.

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Teacher wows students

Civil War 'trivia' not so trivial

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It was almost as if their tables and chairs were set up on the rolling Gettysburg terrain, instead of in a classroom at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Civil War history literally came to life, during a presentation by Sorrows teacher Ron Jones. Clad in a Union cavalry uniform, Jones provided seventh- and eighth-graders with a visual lesson about how 1860s soldiers lived from day to day.

For example, a myriad of seemingly trivial items covered a table in front of the classroom at the Catholic school in Farmington. There was hard tack, a biscuit which Jones insists was made by his wife a decade ago.

"The joke was when you ran out of bullets, just throw this at Johnny Reb," said Jones in matter-of-fact fashion.

A small metal can of Borden's Condensed Milk, a pouch of tobacco, deck of playing cards and miniature Holy Bible also were displayed and detailed by the Civil War expert.

Soldiers, he explained, never went anywhere without family tintypes (1840s photographs) and a sewing kit known simply as a "housewife."

"If you needed to sew your uni-



Ron Jones

form, and you lost your kit, you'd ask another soldier if you could borrow their housewife," said Jones, stressing that it was the Victorian period. "And they knew exactly what you meant."

About the family tintypes, Jones noted that images of home were something soldiers always carried close to their hearts.

Probably his most cherished Civil War memento, and one that had students sitting on the edge of their chairs, was an authentic 58-caliber rifle, com-

plete with bayonet.

The weapon belonged to Alfred Rentz of southeastern Michigan, a member of the 24th Infantry (later known as the "Iron Brigade.")

According to Jones, the rifle was purchased by Rentz for \$19.25 in October, 1863. Because it was not issued by the U.S. Army, Rentz did not have to return it after the war ended in April, 1865.

Rentz was the great-grandfather of Jones' wife's aunt. In 1988, knowing that Jones taught history, the rifle was given to him as a present. After he scrubbed the weapon clean, it showed that it was made in 1863 in Watertown, N.Y.

What made the rifle especially rare was that it still had the original bayonet, which came in handy for roasting meat on a campfire or (as a candle holder) reading by candlelight.

Jones, with the assistance of a student, demonstrated the nine-step process of loading and firing the rifle. He discharged blanks, but the noise was still deafeningly real to the students.

Because of the cumbersome loading and firing, Civil War soldiers could only shoot three round or cone-shaped metal balls per minute.

Sometimes, 20 seconds wouldn't be enough time to load, if the enemy charged from nearby trenches.

"A soldier can run 100 yards in that amount of time," Jones said. "So, if the opposition charges you before you can load, then you use this," pointing to the bayonet.

Several Sorrows students were wowed by the presentation, mostly the rifle and bayonet.

"That was pretty sweet," said eighth-grader George Mammo.

"I liked the gun and bayonet," said Mike Volovar, also an eighth-grader. "It was pretty cool how he used a blank and fired it."

Another student, Samantha Lawrence, thought the rifle was the most interesting part of the presentation "because it was actually used."



Pocket art: Soldiers often carried tintype photos (left) of their loved ones.



Soldier's meal: Hard tack was the Civil War equivalent of C-rations, and well named.

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Paying attention: Katie Egan was a rapt listener as Ron Jones made his Civil War presentation.

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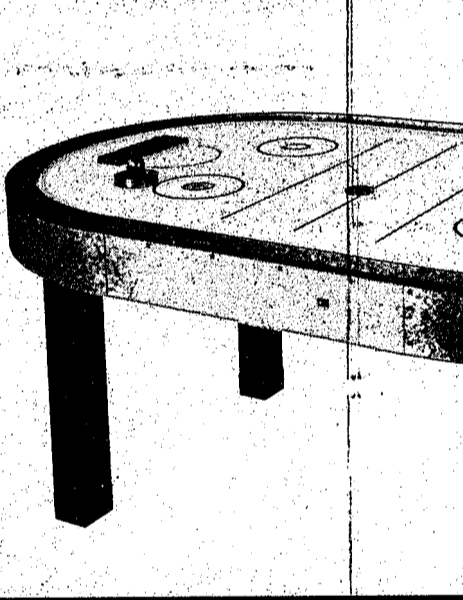
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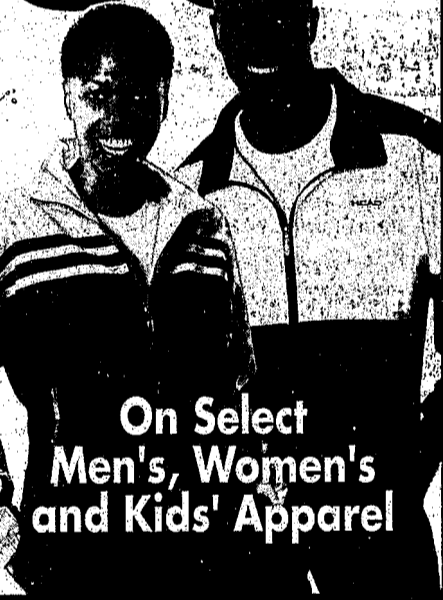


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'Temporary' Business Roundtable goes full-time in Oakland County

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When the Business Roundtable was formed in 1993, it was envisioned as a temporary advisory committee to convey the concerns of the business community to Oakland County government.

But the roundtable has been so successful, according to county Executive L. Brooks Patterson, it is now considered a permanent organization — made up of executives most familiar with the business climate.

"The roundtable's dedication to hard work and commitment to excellence have resulted in the establishment of many innovative programs," Patterson said recently, at the roundtable's annual breakfast meeting at the Troy Marriott.

Over the years, the roundtable has made dozens of recommendations, the executive said, many of which have been implemented. The "One Stop Shop" for business development is an example, he said.

Patterson was referring to the office in the executive building at the Oakland County Complex where businesses have access to government agencies and most of their records — including those

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needed to more speedily process mortgage applications.

Also on the recommendation of the roundtable, the county has:

- Created an Export Assistance Center to facilitate foreign trade.

- Created a county office to focus on revitalization and development of downtowns.

- Upgraded Oakland County International Airport to facilitate business travel.

- Cooperated with Bishop International Airport in Flint for passenger service.

- Created a marketing strategy to promote Oakland County as a place to live and do business and Automation Alley as a robotics and high-tech center.

Patterson has frequently said part of the roundtable's success is attributable to the fact business people know their recommendations will get prompt consideration and follow-up action. "They (recommendations) just don't sit on a shelf somewhere."

When it was originally founded, the roundtable consisted of 12 committees which met and reported on a monthly basis, Patterson said. As a permanent advisory committee, the number of committees has been reduced to six which meet on a regular, not necessarily monthly, basis.

Troy resident Robert Williams Jr. of Cadillac Products, Inc., has been a member of the roundtable since its inception. "It provides a valuable forum for business and government to interact," he said. "The entire community is better

for it." Williams, 1969 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, initially served on the roundtable's Regulatory Affairs Committee. In 1999, he was on the Workforce and Education Committee.

Williams said the most important recommendation from that committee was the expansion of adult education programs for existing workers. "Many businesses — like ours — want to upgrade the skills of their workers, so we don't have to go outside to get the skills we need."

The Workforce and Education Committee has more importance in light of predictions that Oakland's business climate — the most robust in Michigan — could be seriously affected because of the shortage of skilled workers.

Villages to get 2 votes

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If it seems silly to have two elections in the same month, one to elect local municipal leaders and another to pick presidential candidates, state representatives agree.

But for this coming February, when the Republican presidential primary and some village elections are scheduled separately in the same month, there is nothing they can do.

A proposal to combine such elections in villages is languishing in the legislature.

House Bill 5112, sponsored by Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), proposes to allow for such elections to be combined. The bill has won approval from the House but senators have yet to take action on it.

The problem came up when lawmakers voted earlier this year to move up the presidential primary to Feb. 22. The move was intended to give the state a more prominent role in selecting the GOP presidential candidates.

But many villages hold elections in February. One example is Beverly Hills, in Godchaux's district. She proposed the legislation to help that village avoid the additional cost and trouble of running two elections the same month.

If eventually approved, the bill will allow village elections to be combined in future years with presidential primaries, even in villages whose charters specify a different date, if they are less than 31 days apart. Village election dates could be altered by resolution of the council.

Automation Alley website tops 1 million 'hits'

One year after going online, the Automation Alley website has surpassed one million hits. There have been 1,018,565 inquiries, which includes requests for data such as a web page, graphic or file, made to the website since Nov. 9, 1998, when Phase I of the Automation Alley project was officially launched.

The number of hits registered on the website over the past year is an indication that Automation Alley is capturing the attention and interest of people all over

the world, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said, adding that nearly 130 firms are now onboard as members of this high-tech cluster.

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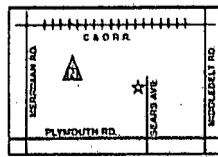
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You're sure to find plenty of trendy goods on sale

THE REAL DEAL



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Of all the ways to spend the day after Christmas, shopping is on the top of many, many lists.

And, the question that's probably on everybody's mind is "what's going to be on sale?"

There were many fads and trends this season, so rest assured there will be many items on sales

racks and tables the day after Christmas. In many cases, they'll be available in bountiful quantities, too.

Retailers have tired of their fall and winter apparel and already need to make room for spring and cruise merchandise. In fact, spring collections are expected to arrive in stores in January and February.

That's good news for fashion devotees and those of us who passed on expensive trends, like Pashmina shawls and scarves.

I did a bit of shopping with retailers' space concerns in mind. I also talked with store owners about what they expect to see on sale the day after Christmas.

In general, trendy merchandise and anything shoppers saw in abundance will be readily available at bargain prices following Christmas.

Since just about every retailer stocked up on cashmere apparel and accessories, from boat-neck sweaters to living room throws, shoppers are likely to find a plethora of cashmere goods with slashed price tags. Even cashmere classics—a black turtleneck, colorful twin-set or winter scarf—will likely be available at bargain prices.

Stores also have been teeming with scented goods and aromatherapy products aimed at easing stress, promoting relaxation and living well.

Given the sheer quantity of scented merchandise and the array of choices in the category, fragrant candles and aromatic bath products are sure to be out there at basement prices.

The days after Christmas will likely be an excellent opportunity to snag a deal on a leather jacket, jeans or skirt since designers and retailers offered a plethora of leather apparel this year. Micro-fiber apparel and goods also were abundant, so look for bargains on wallets, bags, purses and boots in the fabric.

Of course, holiday merchandise will also be marked down. Beyond holiday cards, wrapping paper and tree ornaments, look for special occasion sweaters that can be worn in the evening and in the day.

In luxurious fabrics, like cashmere and mohair, with beads, sequins and other shiny details, many special occasion sweaters can be purchased by last-minute planners to pair with dressy bottoms to wear on New Year's Eve. Other evening wear, including those trendy ball skirts, also will likely go down in price after Christmas.

Other merchandise that shoppers will likely see at bargain prices include bead bracelets in vibrant colors, sterling silver jewelry, felted-wool clothing, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters, puffy, quilted-nylon outer wear, especially vests, and just about anything made of fleece.

Also, many retailers began discounting their merchandise before Christmas, so keep in mind that items you saw on sale while shopping for gifts may be available for even less on December 26.

Lillith in downtown Birmingham, for example, began their semi-annual sale the week of Christmas. Among the items discounted by 30 percent were tulle skirts in silver and magenta and cashmere sweaters.

Rear Ends in West Bloomfield also marked down fall apparel prior to Christmas. Items on their sales racks included fur-trimmed sweaters by Erik Stewart, knit tops and sweaters by Buffalo and Easel. At Maxwell, a men's clothing store in downtown Birmingham, designer sportswear by Hugo Boss, Zegna and Zanella, as well as, wool, three-button suits were put on sale before Christmas.

In other words, if you're looking for a bargain, chances are you'll find many, especially on trendy items, overstocked merchandise and goods that went on sale before Christmas. Happy bargain-hunting!

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Getting 'tressed' for the millennium

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Hair for the party of the century: Jeremy Lyle, stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, works with Jamie Michalski's hair for the holidays. There's no particular look for women to obtain for New Year's Eve parties, according to Lyle and other area stylists. However, important characteristics to keep in mind are sleek and shiny and hair with texture. Up looks are softened and more natural this year.



There's no particular look, but lots of options

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The dress is certainly a head-turner. And those heels for which you shopped forever certainly give your gams a long, lean elegance. Accessories? You've got that down to a fine art.

Looks like you're ready to take on New Year's Eve in high style.

But what about your hair?

For the final party of the 20th century, you should settle for nothing less than the perfect coif.

Like fashion, this year's most popular hair-styles embrace the past with a nod to the future, so don't be surprised, if you see a retro do or two on the dance floor.

"We're going back to looks I've seen before in my 30 years in this business. Styles are retro, allure and renaissance, but each generation gives it a twist," said H.C. Scott, owner of Scott's Hair Unlimited Salon in Rochester and past president of the Michigan Cosmetologists Association.

In the '60s, "ratting" gave hair volume and height. Now, in the twilight of the '90s, teasing the hair up in back is termed "back-combing." But, instead of

pasting hair high up, stylists are striving for more of a natural look around the face.

"It's not like a bouffant. You're not going to get big hair," said Lisa Willard, a stylist at Salon International in Plymouth and resident "up-do" specialist. This year's look is either more loose and tasseled or smooth and slick with very large, interwoven curls, she said. Willard terms the look a "controlled mess," and keeps it elegant, loose and fun.

"In the past years, it's been twists and tiny curls. Thank God they're not doing that again," she said. And, even short hair can be given an "up-style," said Willard.

Jeremy Lyle, a stylist at Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, had a different take on shorter hair. Bobs with interior layers and a wind-blown look are popular for the holiday season, he said.

However, there isn't one particular hair look that women should be striving to obtain, whether they have long or short hair, he said. One characteristic of current hair trends is that styles are "more sleek and shiny," he said. "Textures are also very important this year, either with the cut or with styling products," Lyle said.

For straightening hair and making it sleek and shiny, Lyle recommends using a finishing product called

Straight by Bumble & Bumble. Buff, a weightless, greaseless pomade by Sebastian, does a good job at creating texture in the hair, said Lyle.

Hair ornamentation, including clips, rhinestones, bobby pins and other accessories, are still popular, especially with the younger crowd. However, Lyle said many of his clients are shying away from these accessories.

The same applies to hair glitter. "Glitter is in, but light glitter," said Scott. "If it's heavier, it looks like dandruff."

At Salone Nadwa in Novi, owner Nadwa Yono uses a simple style to give volume and texture, then pulls hair into a ponytail, rolls it over to one side, and pins it. She often adds a decorative headband or magnetic rhinestones to complete the look. She prefers magnetic to Velcro clips because they stay in place better.

"We had the butterfly clips last year. Now they're out, but accessories are the biggest thing going on. A lot of major designers are using them in shows," Yono said.

What stylists do agree on is suiting your hair style to your clothing. Whether your party plans include an elegant ball or something a little more revved up, the hair style you choose should complement your outfit.

"The first thing I ask is 'What are you going to wear?' That has a lot to do with how the hair is put up," said Lyle. For spaghetti straps or bare shoulders, he suggests leaving the hair down to frame the face. With a higher collar, putting up the hair offers balance.

For those with medium or long hair lengths who prefer to do their own New Year's Eve style, Willard suggests using big rollers. Let the hair fall and then pick up strands and pin them, she said. Or, just let the strands hang loose. For the holidays she said, "There's no real set style. It's whatever looks good on you."



Decorative up-do: Magnetic rhinestones lend elegance to upswept hair styled at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.



Crystal colf: Holiday hair is easy to style using a jeweled headband from Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
DESIGNER RESALE COLLECTION
Marian's Designer Resale, located in the Ramada Inn on 9 Mile Road near Greenfield in Southfield, presents a special collection of designer and one-of-a-kind evening and after-five apparel for women through Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For additional information, please call (248) 351-0064.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
MILLENNIUM BEAUTY RENEWAL
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy,

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

offers Clinique facials and makeovers for the millennium with assistance from a special company representative, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To make an appointment, call (248) 614-3367.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

PARIS BEAUTY PICKS
Get a new look and learn about make-up trends at Lancome's Paris Picks Trend 2000 makeover event at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To schedule a

personal appointment, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 466.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

HUDSON'S FIRST FRIDAY
Hudson's presents First Fridays at the DIA, which allows visitors to browse the Detroit Institute of the Arts in the evening and participate in a variety of gallery activities. 4-9 p.m., DIA.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

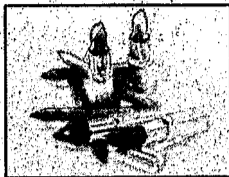
PRIORITY BRIDAL REGISTRATION
Hudson's stores at the Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi hold priority bridal registration events. Brides-to-be are able to register before regular store hours and receive special assistance, 9:30 a.m., Gift Registry department. Reservations are required. Please call or stop by your local Hudson's Gift Registry department.

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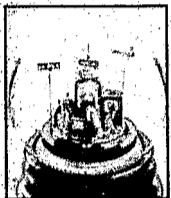
Midnight Ice: Jewelry designer David Yurman commemorates the millennium with a new collection of jewelry, the *Midnight Ice Collection*. The collection features pavé diamonds, black onyx, sterling silver and 18-karat gold, starting at \$925 exclusively at Neiman Marcus.



Spring lips: Beauty retailer L'Occitane will introduce a lip color collection in March 2000, \$13-16 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Tasteful memorabilia: Fitz and Floyd's millennium tapestry plate captures the 20th century with charm and taste, \$500 at Hudson's stores.



PHOTOGRAPHED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SAKS FIFTH AVENUE BY JAMES MURRAY

Icons: Celebrate the 20th century with a water globe displaying cultural icons of the time, \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Twelve Oaks Mall greets year 2000 with a new look and addition of several stores

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi has a new look for the new millennium. The 180-store shopping mall recently completed a major renovation and added several new retailers. The renovation includes a 50-seat lobby-style lounge, eight additional seating pods, new tile flooring and indoor and outdoor signs. The new lounge and addition of seating for 175 people caps the second phase of a renovation that has spanned nearly four years. Twelve Oaks Mall began renovation in 1996. Earlier improvements brought a family rest room, the mall's Pop-Up Storybook play area, a second Center

Court elevator, a new customer service center, direct-access phone directories and renovated entrances. The new lounge was designed to resemble a hotel lobby and features sofas and chairs, planters, end tables and reading lamps. The mall's new seating pods also are furnished with sofas, chairs and reading lamps for comfortable seating, relaxing and people-watching. The mall's new sign system is aimed at directing shoppers to department stores, rest rooms and management offices in a customer-friendly way. While 10 new retailers have set up shop at the mall since July, several are

slated to open in 2000. They include Build-A-Bear Workshop, a make-it-yourself luxury bear store, Everything But Water, a fashion swim wear retailer, M Den, a University of Michigan merchandise store, and Baby Gap. Sephora, an innovative cosmetics and perfume retailer, is slated to open soon. Also, several retailers have relocated or expanded their store spaces at Twelve Oaks Mall in the past year. *Twelve Oaks Mall is located at I-96 and Novi Road and is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, call (248) 348-9438.*

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

Crown Ducal pottery from England may be available at the Shanfield Meyers store in Windsor. - An undergarment to wear beneath culottes is available from the Hane's catalog, (800) 300-2600.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES: - Due to a new phone system, readers were unable to reach the "Where Can You Find" hot line last week. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

- We're still looking for carpet tiles. Home Depot does not carry them.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR: - A carousel slide projector for Margaret.

- A 1982 Waterford "Partridge in a Pear Tree" ornament for Marsha.

- A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural areas for Tom.

- An original or restored RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn for Andy of Canton.

- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.

- Oneida "Twin Star" silverware by Betty Crocker for Janet.

- A store where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold for Jean.

- A set of Ben Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.

- A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook

- A millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joanne.

- A store or stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomatoes Alfredo pasta sauce is sold for Alice.

- A store where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available for Mary.

- A salad dressing called He-Man

- Roquefort cheese for Lee.

- A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.

- A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size 5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.

- The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.

- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through the

Sears Wish Book) for Carol.

- An antique, full-size, brass rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.

- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.

- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.

- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

- A store that sells Benson's fruit cakes for Brenda.

- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.

- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.

- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.

- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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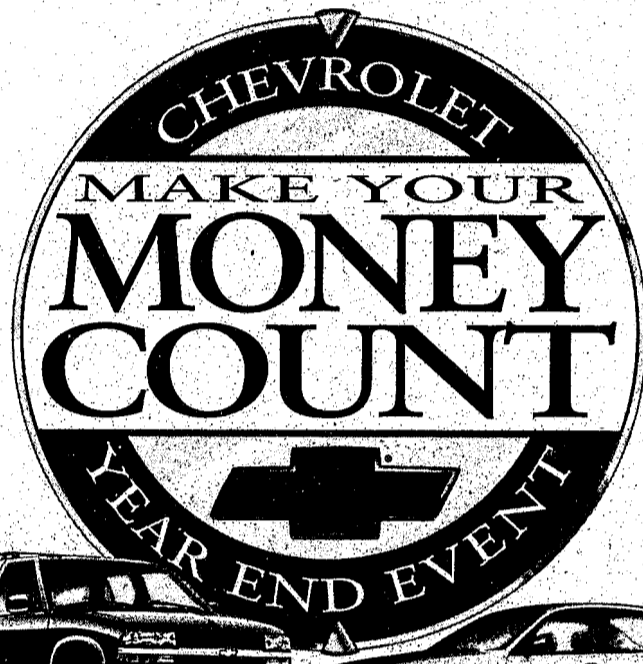
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FOCUS ON WINE



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Clink glasses and toast the new year

The countdown has begun. Here's some fizz ed to help you pick a memorable bubbly.

Champagne should be served chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves five glasses.

Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an all-sparkling wine dinner.

Bubbly styles

Sparklers labeled Blancs de Blancs are almost always 100 percent chardonnay. They are delicate and dry. It is traditional to match them with oysters, smoked salmon, caviar or paté. They pair with soft cheeses, such as brie, goat cheese and gorgonzola.

Non-vintage (NV) bruts represent a producer's style. They are generally blends of chardonnay and pinot noir. Vintage-dated bruts represent the characteristics of a particular year, and are generally only made in top vintages. Both take to salty foods, such as nuts, thin slices of Parmegiano-Reggiano cheese, prosciutto or freshly-popped popcorn (no kidding).

A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

A Blanc de Noirs is made from pinot noir and takes to any dish with mushrooms. It's also excellent with game birds or poached salmon. For dessert or ushering in the millennium in a special way, serve it with chocolate-dipped strawberries and amaze your guests.

A Brut Rosé and rack of lamb is sensational. Try it with steak or Mediterranean cuisine, including grilled tuna with a tomato, olive oil and garlic sauce, duck or venison.

A bubbly dubbed tete-de-cuvée is the top wine in that brand.

Champagne or sparkling wine, in a 1.5L bottle, also called a magnum, has the best taste. No one really knows why, but it's true. Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium bottles (both 1994 and 1996 vintage) are available in magnum at \$53. The bottle has been dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened onto the front. Good looks and great taste. Domaine Carneros is owned by Taittinger Champagne of France.

Marketing surveys indicate that more than half the people who have never drunk champagne before will this New Year's Eve, and nearly all people who have celebrated with champagne before will make a choice that is higher in price than their usual selection.

Here are our favorite bubbly baubles for your champagne glass:

- **Blanc de Blancs**
1993 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$69
1993 Domaine Carneros Le Reve \$50
1991 Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs \$30
1996 Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs \$28.50
- **Non-vintage Brut**
Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42
Champagne Deutz Brut Classic \$38
Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut \$32
Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut \$19
- **Vintage Brut**
1988 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70 (made only in years of exceptional quality such as 1979 and 1985, then 1988)
1992 Schramsberg J. Schram \$65 (tete-de-cuvée)
1991 Iron Horse Brut LD \$60

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly



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Festive sips: At the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest in Southfield, contestants prepared their holiday alcohol-free drinks for the judges to taste. Pictured (left to right) are Dorothy Dandridge Delight, James Galway's Flute, Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malty, Savory Sinatra Sizzler, and Kirk Chocolate Maltby.

'Stars of the Century' this year's theme of Zero-Proof Mix-Off

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Thick and creamy, with just a hint of almond, Kirk Chocolate Maltby - named for the Detroit Red Wing hockey player, will help you achieve your goal of serving tasty, but alcohol-free, drinks on New Year's Eve.

Created by Margie Thomas of New Hudson, the drink was judged number one by me and two other judges in a Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan on Oct. 7 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield's Town Center.



Cheers: The judges, Keely Wygonik (left to right), James Schultz, and Sgt. Michael Mellec, click glasses to toast the holidays and sample Savory Sinatra Sizzler, one of the drinks entered in the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest at the Westin Hotel in Southfield.

Joining me at the judge's table were James Schultz, administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Center, and Sgt. Michael Mellec of the Southfield Police Department.

The Southfield contest was one of three. The others were in Petoskey and Grand Rapids. Five finalists, selected from entries from all over the state, were chosen to mix their drinks in person at each of the three Zero-Proof Mix-Offs.

Three local community leaders tasted the drinks at each mix-off and picked their favorites. The winner in each contest received \$500 and the Golden Stirrer Award plaque. Runner-ups were awarded a ski or golf weekend for two at a Shanty Creek Resort, plus \$50. Honorable mentions each received \$50.

This year's theme was "Stars of the Century." In addition to Thomas, the finalists at the Southfield Zero-Proof Mix-Off included Victor Garske of Birmingham, Darryl James of Southfield, Camille Barr of Harper Woods and Renee Reeves of Milford.

Garske was named a runner-up for his James Galway's Flute, a flavorful blend of raspberry and lemon sorbet, lemonade and sparkling raspberry juice.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Barr for her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, James who created an exotic drink he named Dorothy Dandridge Delight after one of the first African-American women to achieve stardom in Hollywood, and Reeves for Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Maltby named after comedian Milton Berle.

As the finalists prepared their drink, they described the ingredi-



First-place winner: Margie Thomas garnishes her Golden Stirrer Award-winning drink, Kirk Chocolate Maltby, named after the Detroit Red Wing Hockey player.



Runner-up: Victor Garske of Birmingham pours raspberry lemonade into "flutes" to make his special drink, James Galway's Flute, at the AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.



Honorable mention: Darryl James of Southfield measures Ribena, a black currant juice drink mix, as he prepares Dorothy Dandridge Delight, an exotic drink named after an actress.

ents and explained how they created it.

We were told to rate the recipes based on appearance, taste and creativity of the name (each recipe was to be named after a famous entertainer or sports celebrity).

Taste was the most important factor, but the drink also had to look nice and be easy to make.

As James created his drink, he explained that, because he thought Dorothy Dandridge was beautiful and exotic, he chose really interesting ingredients including Ribena, a concentrated black currant juice

drink mix, and aqualibra, a sparkling fruit and herbal drink.

Garske said his James Galway's Flute can be prepared in any kind of glass and describes it as being "cool and refreshing," just like the music James Galway plays on the flute.

As she created her Savory Sinatra Sizzler, Barr played some of Frank Sinatra's music. Because "Sinatra did everything with a passion," one of the ingredients in her drink is Old Orchard Apple Passion

Please see PRETENDERS, B2

Gala brings families together for food, fun

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Take eight couples, 21 kids, and two days, and what do you get? The ingredients for a memorable new year celebration.

Lisa Rahn and Tina Forsberg of Beverly Hills began organizing a New Year's Gala four years ago to provide themselves and their children a fun, wholesome and safe way to end one year and begin the next.

The group divides up between two houses for dinner, which is traditionally lasagna.

"When I say divide up, I really mean divide," said Rahn. "One spouse goes to one house, the other to the second. Children from one family are also divided between the two houses. This way the guests mingle with others instead of with their own families."

"But this is only a temporary separation, only for dinner. At 10 p.m. we all end up at one of the houses for dessert and our New Year's Eve party. All the families help provide the food for the dinner and the party afterward."

Their celebration follows a traditional mode with hats and noisemakers (packed away each year for the next year). For the midnight toast, adults are served cham-

pagne. The children are served grape juice

"Sometimes we have everyone write down and bring their best memory of the past year to share with the other guests. This year, in keeping with the new millennium theme, we're going to bring written thoughts and items for a time capsule. We just haven't decided where we're going to bury it," said Rahn.

The group's celebration doesn't end at midnight. Fathers rise early on New Year's Day to prepare breakfast at still another house. Spouses and children arrive later for an abundant first meal of the year. Then the wives go to a movie, while their husbands and kids watch football games on TV.

"We rejoin our husbands and kids for the Rose Bowl Game, and for more food and togetherness," said Rahn. According to Rahn, their annual celebration is full of friendship, food and fun. "And what can be better than that?"

TRADITIONAL FAMILY LASAGNA

- Vegetable oil spray
- 1 pound ground round
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided

- 1 (16-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups cream-style cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- 10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

Spray a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with vegetable oil. Brown meat in skillet over medium heat; drain excess grease. Add next five ingredients. Simmer uncovered for 20-30 minutes (until thickened), stirring occasionally.

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients, except mozzarella cheese and noodles.

Layer half the noodles on bottom of pan. Add a layer of half the egg mixture, half the meat mixture. Top with half the mozzarella cheese.

Repeat layers. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving. Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Lisa Rahn

Wine from page B1

(seven years on the yeast in the bottle before disgorging; tête-de-cuvée)

1990 Piper-Heidsieck Brut Vintage \$50

1993 Champagne Deutz Brut \$48

1993 Roederer Estate Anderson Valley L'Ermitage \$38 (tête-de-cuvée)

1994 Iron Horse Classic

Vintage Brut \$24

1994 Iron Horse Russian Cuvée \$25 (creamier than the Classic Vintage; also suitable as a dessert pour)

■ Blanc de Noirs

1993 Schramsberg Reserve \$47

1996 Iron Horse Wedding Cuvée \$30

1995 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs \$28.50

■ Brut Rosé

1993 Champagne Deutz Brut Rosé \$52

Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut Rosé \$40

1996 Schramsberg Brut Rosé \$28.50

1994 Iron Horse Vine-

yards Brut Rosé \$28

■ Extra Dry

Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Extra Dry \$32

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Pretenders from page B1

mango juice.

Reeves wore a straw hat as she prepared Uncle Milty's Miami Beach Malt, a fruity tropical blend of vanilla ice cream, banana, coconut, lime juice and lemon-lime soda. "It's an easy, breezy drink," she said. "I think it will appeal to everyone in the family. It's smooth and refreshing, with or without ice cream."

As the contestants mixed their drinks, the judges and I toasted each one for his creativity and delicious taste. We could pick only one winner, and Thomas' Kirk Chocolate Malt — ice cream blended with malted milk powder or syrup, almond extract, topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate — was our favorite hands-down.

Now in its 21st year, the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest is part of AAA of Michigan's ongoing effort to discourage motorists from driving after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Look for the winning recipes in "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," available at local AAA Michigan branch offices, or call (800) AAA-MICH to order a copy. Online, you'll find the recipes at www.aaamich.com. Click and

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■ Serve a variety of non-alcoholic beverages, and don't force alcohol drinks on guests.

■ Slow down the drinking rate with lively conversation, party games and lots of good food.

■ Put away the alcoholic beverages after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.

■ Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the party to help retard alcohol absorption.

■ Encourage car pooling, and have small gifts for designated drivers.

From AAA Michigan

go to News and Information. You can also send an e-mail request for "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," to pr@aaamich.com be sure to include your mailing address. The booklet cannot be sent via e-mail.

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Toast the new year with flavorful, alcohol-free drinks

See related story on Taste front.

KIRK CHOCOLATE MALTBY

- 1 1/2 cups vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream
- 2 cups skim milk
- 5 tablespoons chocolate malted milk powder
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- Whipped cream
- Shaved chocolate

Mix ingredients in a blender until smooth.

Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

Serve in a daiquiri glass with a straw. Makes three 8-ounce servings.

Recipe compliments of Margie Thomas of New Hudson, Golden Stirrer Award Winner, AAA Michigan sponsored Zero-Proof Mix-Off Contest held at the West-in Hotel in Southfield on Oct. 7.

JAMES GALWAY'S FLUTE

- 1 pint Haagen-Daz raspberry sorbet
- 1 pint Haagen-Daz lemon sorbet
- 1 cup Minute Maid raspberry lemonade
- 1 bottle St. Julian raspberry sparkling cider/juice

Using a 1-inch or 1 1/2-inch ice cream scoop, place one scoop of lemon sorbet in the bottom of a champagne flute.

Top that with one scoop of raspberry sorbet.

Pour in 1/4 cup of raspberry lemonade, then fill the flute with the sparkling cider/juice.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe compliments of Victor Garske of Birmingham, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE DELIGHT

- 1 1/2 ounces Ribena concentrated black currant juice drink mix
- 1 ounce Rose's lime juice
- 1 1/2 ounces Original Aquabella sparkling fruit and herbal drink
- 3 or 4 ice cubes
- Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink
- Lime slice

Stir first four ingredients well in

a tall Collins glass with a long muddling spoon.

Top with Brazilia drink. Stir well again. Garnish with lime slice.

Makes 1 serving
Recipe compliments of Darryl James of Southfield, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

Note: Ribena, Aqualibra and Brazilia natural fruit guarana drink are available at Merchant's Fine Wine and other specialty stores.

SAVORY SINATRA SIZZLER

- 3 cups Old Orchard Apple Passion mango juice
- 1 cup club soda
- 3 scoops Edy's peach sorbet
- 2 apricots (OK to use canned apricots)
- Pineapple slices

In a blender, mix juice, soda, sorbet and apricots, in that order. Blend for 30 seconds. Pour into two 8-ounce dessert glass. Garnish with pineapple slices.

Makes 2 servings.
Recipe compliments of Camille Baar, honorable mention, Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

UNCLE MILTY'S MIAMI BEACH MALT

- 2 scoops French vanilla ice cream
- 1 banana, sliced
- 2 ounces cream of coconut
- 16 ounces lemon-lime soda, chilled
- 1 tablespoons malted milk powder, or to taste
- 1 ounce Santa's White Christmas flavoring syrup (or almond syrup)
- Splash of Rose's lime juice (optional)
- Garnishes: Whipped cream, sweetened coconut sprinkles, almond sprinkles, star fruit slices

Combine ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Pour into three 10-ounce glasses and garnish with whipped cream, sprinkles of sweetened coconut and almonds and slices of star fruit. Makes 3 servings.

Recipe compliments of Renee Reeves of Milford, runner-up in the Zero-Proof Mix-Off contest.

COOKING CONTEST

Chicken soup contest — Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, noon Friday, Feb. 25. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. First prize is a feature segment on Keith Farnie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen

Glamor. Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield, third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you.

Floating fruit salad bright with berries, holiday stars

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Fruit salad was the consolation prize of desserts when I was growing up. My mother's bowl of diced fresh fruit — hard cubes of apple and pear, slices of sometimes unripe banana and tart orange, punctuated by green grapes and red grapes with pits — provided something vaguely sweet at the end of the meal. It was better than no dessert, but barely.

As a teenager, I encountered somewhat more interesting versions of fruit salad when I began to explore New York City, where I grew up. French restaurants then, in the 1960s, served *Macedoine*, a mixture of fresh fruit splashed with liqueur. Although no sweeter than my mother's fruit salad, it provided my first experience with getting a bit tipsy. Some Chinese restaurants served blocks of a milky white, almond-flavored gelatin floating with canned fruit salad in lots of the cloyingly sweet canned syrup. Nicely presented in a footed dessert dish, the fruit was mushy, but the almond part was great.

The moment when I realized fruit salad could be exciting came in Paris at a three-star restaurant. It was 1981 and *Nouvelle Cuisine* was at its height.

When the *Fruit Soupe Exotique*, part of the *prix-fixe* menu,

FLOATING FRUIT SALAD

- 2 cups sugar
- 6 strips lemon zest, each 2 inches by 1/2-inch
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns
- 1 kiwi, peeled
- 1 star fruit
- 1/2 medium banana
- 1 medium peach, halved
- 1/2 Fuji apple
- 1/2 bosc pear
- 2 passion fruit, or 2 rings fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries, or frozen, thawed
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds (optional)
- Fresh mint for garnish

Place the sugar in a large pot. Add 5 1/2 cups water. Add the lemon zest and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 5 minutes.

Steep the syrup until it cools to room temperature. Pour the syrup through a strainer into a large glass or other serving bowl. Reserve 3 strips of the lemon zest. Discard the other solids. Cut the zest crosswise into the thinnest possible strips. Add them to the syrup.

Cut the fruit as follows and

add it to the bowl of liquid: Slice the kiwi crosswise as thinly as possible. Cut the ends off the star fruit. Standing it on one end, vertically cut the hard outer tip off each point. Lay the fruit down, and cut it crosswise into thin stars. Slice the banana as thinly as possible.

Cut the peach halves crosswise into thin slices. Stack the slices and cut them in half crosswise. With a melon baller, scoop out the core of the apple. Slice it like the peach. Cut the neck off the pear and discard. Core with the melon baller, and slice it like the apple.

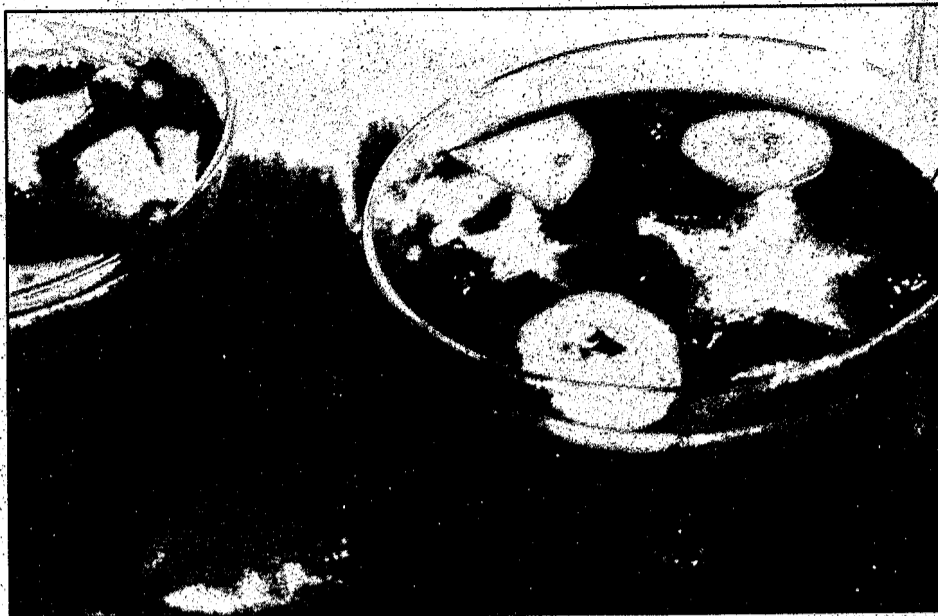
Cut the passion fruits in half. Scoop out the flesh and seeds, adding them to the bowl. Or, thinly slice the pineapple rings vertically, making tiny wedges. Add the raspberries and pomegranate seeds to the bowl. Cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 6 hours.

To serve, ladle 3/4 cup of the fruit and liquid into large wine glasses or clear glass bowls. Garnish each with a spring of fresh mint.

Nutrition information: Each of the eight servings contains 243 calories and less than one gram of fat.

arrived, it was a melange of fresh lychee, kiwi, and pineapple, sliced paper-thin, plus wisps and dots of passion fruit, all

swimming in a glass bowl. The liquid, a light, barely sweet syrup, was a procession of unexpected flavors. They rolled



Holiday surprise: Bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars, Floating Fruit Salad is a tasty way to serve fruit.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

intriguingly from vanilla to hints of fresh mint and lemongrass, followed by the aromatic lingering of lime zest. Light as a tropical breeze, this new fruit salad, beautiful and full of surprises, was as satisfying to me as the most voluptuous chocolate

dessert.

Since then, I have created at least a half dozen variations, each tuned to the season and the occasion, like this one, bright with raspberries, pomegranate seeds and holiday stars.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

Fig cake offers sweet accent

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Golden Fig Cake is an easily prepared Bundt cake. Try the recipe for either brunch or dessert.

GOLDEN FIG CAKE

(Preparation time 30 minutes, baking time 1 hour to 1 hour, 15 minutes)

- 1/2 cup sliced natural almonds
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup orange marmalade
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup almond-flavored liqueur (amaretto) or orange juice
- 1 cup (6 ounces) chopped dried figs
- Confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Very generously butter a 9-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle with almonds, patting gently to cover sides. Set aside. Mix flour, soda and salt in small bowl; set aside.

In a large mixer bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in marmalade and sour cream (mixture will look curdled). Add flour mixture alternately with liqueur or orange juice, blending well after each addition until batter is smooth. Stir in figs. Turn into prepared pan; spread evenly.

Bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. Invert on wire rack and cool completely. Just before serving, sift confectioner's sugar on top. Makes 1 eight-inch Bundt cake to serve 16.

Recipe from: California Fig Advisory Board.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Y2K beckons: A peaceful ride to infinity, beyond

This is what my life has come to: Searching for the meaning of life and struggling for deeper relationships with friends and family while frantically shopping for the latest Buzz Light Year (the charming spaceman character from "Toy Story").

Until recently, I figured the meaning of Buzz Light Year's calling-card phrase - "To infinity and beyond" - was a euphemism for limitless spending.

The message: Go ahead, whip out the plastic - again, again and again. After all, for any patriotic consumer, it's all about keeping an eye open for an irresistible discount and an extended line-of-credit.

You want "deep and meaningful"? Try rationalizing spending nearly 40 bucks on a hard-plastic Buzz toy that your rambunctious 4-year-old could use as a lethal projectile - headed in your direction.

Uncontrollable toy

Last week, after finally finding the "In-Flight" Buzz Light Year, not to be mistaken for the "Watch Guard Buzz" or the mere Buzz figure, the contradiction of the holidays went off... well, like an uncontrollable toy. The contradiction, of course, is whether it's possible to find spiritual bliss in a sea of materialism.

Moving with shopping bags in each hand through the littered heap of humanity at the mall was like finding my way through enemy lines, in search of the grail - or a damn good bargain. Same thing.

While perusing the rack of seasonable "nighties" for my wife, the Buzz Light Year who had sat quietly on the shelf at the Warner Bros. Store and was now nestled in my shopping bag, suddenly and inexplicably came to life.

That's right. In the middle of the lingerie department where men try to appear nonchalant as they push their way through satin and lace garments, Buzz's proclamations resounded. "I am Buzz Light Year. I come in peace." Not once, twice or six times. But for about two minutes.

Buzz went on and on about a trip to a distant galaxy. Some shoppers looked up. Others continued to do what they came to do.

Apparently, nothing could break their concentration. Not even the obvious humor of a toy gone awry. Perspective? Not here.

Whew. Perhaps Buzz was right. We both landed in a distant galaxy. I couldn't help but wonder whether it was the future.

Choice or default

The few days before the New Year's Eve countdown should be renamed "National Siesta Week." Only appropriate after last week, also to be renamed, "Stressed Out, In Debt and Determined to Have Fun Because It's the Holidays."

And now, comes more stress: Coming up with a New Year's Resolution. Not just a resolution for a new year, but for the next century and approaching millennium.

That's one historic resolution. By choice or default, it's a time for reflection.

In the endless stream of books and programs about the 20th century, one point seems striking. The last 100 years recorded unprecedented progress in science, medicine and technology. Accomplishments have led to new fields of knowledge, and have extended the average life expectancy.

But the last century has also been an endless series of violent battles, genocide and environmental exploitation.

And it's worth noting that these days of great economic prosperity occur only several decades from the profound despair and poverty of the Great Depression.

Amid the contradictions, there are lessons.

Perhaps that plastic paperweight

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The Best of '99

An entertaining year that pushed aesthetic boundaries, celebrated diversity

Another "Best of" list? Well, yeah. But this one is different. Decidedly different. This list makes no pretentious proclamations. We tried, but couldn't come up with any.

Admittedly, the following list is a year-end, highly unscientific sampling of what several staff writers deemed to be interesting.

In other words, here are our opinions.

Best Installation of Permanent Gallery: The DIA's modern galleries, featuring interactive kiosks and a fascinating overview of works from Picasso to Rauschenberg. (Finally, modern art with a decidedly contemporary presentation.)

Best Artist Unbound by Preconceptions: Gerhardt Knodel whose "Skywalking" exhibit at the Sybaris Gallery went beyond the expected display of textiles, and investigated space, motion and light.

Best Improv: Nancy Hayden, first-year director of Oakland County's Arts, Culture & Film office. Hayden, former member of "Second City," showed that a passion for the arts can compensate for a lack of bureaucratic background.

Best Spectacle That Wouldn't Go Away: The Three Tenors extravaganza before, during and after their Tigers' Stadium concert in mid July. (Concert received raves. Egos barely fit into the old ball yard.)

Best Spectacle That Went Away: Installation artist Jef Bourgeois' "shock art" exhibit that closed one day after it opened because the material was deemed inappropriate.

Best Musical Documentary Exhibit: "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. (Gospel, Blues, Jazz and Motown all under one roof.)

Best Fans: The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts for their ongoing support in raising funds and awareness about the local arts scene.

Best Weird Exhibit: "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science" at Cranbrook Art Museum. Where do you draw the line between a frog in formaldehyde and installation art?

Best Photography Exhibits: "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks" and "Walker Evans: Simple Secrets" at the DIA.

Best Museum Exhibits: "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA and "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ire-



Best photos: Gordon Parks' retrospective at the DIA was one of the most compelling exhibits of the year

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Contributors: A. Alfred Taubman (left), architect Michael Graves, Nettie Seabrooks from the City of Detroit, Richard Manoogian and Maurice Parrish of the DIA at the April announcement of the kickoff of the museum's capital campaign.

land" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Best Father & Son Team: Joe Dobbins, Sr. and Joe Dobbins, Jr., whose work was exhibited during African-American History Month at Umoja Fine Arts in Southfield.

Best Team In Planning an Event: (1.) Janet Torno and the staff at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; (2.) Jonathan Witz and staff who organized "Arts, Beats & Eats"; (3.) Jewish Book Fair staff of Amy Brode, Carrie Kushner, Sylvia Gotlib and Andi Wolfe.

Best Alternative Exhibit Space: Detroit Contemporary in Detroit, which opened in early March.



Mystical: New works by Ed Fraga were featured at the Lemberg Gallery.

Best Mystical Exhibit: "In the Garden," new works by Ed Fraga at the Lemberg Gallery.

Best Local Exhibit: Robert Wilbert's new paintings at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery. A master painter at the top of his art.

Best Import Exhibit: "A New Russian Realism," the works of Natalya Nesterova, Vasily Shulzhenko and Sergei Shershiuk at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Best Exhibits With A Conscience: "Diversity: Victims and Survivors," Richard Kozlov's paintings with selected interviews from the Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Paintings from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series at The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City.

Best "Out-of-this-World" Exhibit: Artrain USA's "Artistry of Space," works from the NASA Art Program and the National Air and Space Museum.

Best Use of Limited Resources in Theater: The Heartlands Theatre

Company led by founder Jan Radcliff of Birmingham. Heartlands conducts a 12-hour playathon, a new plays program and seminars for actors.

Best Everyman Artist: Sculptor Joseph Wesner, whose bronze sculpture exhibit at Hill Gallery in April gave a new perspective to the metaphor of the mind.

Best Debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble for their New York City debut in mid June at the Dance Theatre Workshop.

Best Left Undebuted: Andrea



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Best debut: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble made their New York debut in mid June.

Bocelli's tepid performance in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Werther."

Best Biggest Donation: Josephine Ford, Richard Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman's lump sum \$50-million donation to launch the DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign.

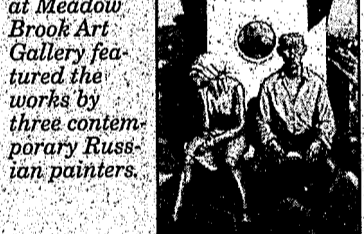
Best Memorable Donation: Bernard and Marilyn Pincus of Bloomfield Hills donation of \$6 million to the DSO in the name of their late son, Jacob Bernard Pincus.

Best Book By An Inspired Father: Tim Smith, a reporter for the Farmington Observer. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, who was born 15 weeks premature, inspired his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Premature Babies."

Best Photography Books: Ted Nelson's "The Nature of Kensington" and Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick's "Stranger in the Woods."

Best Music Festival: Great Lakes

Best Import: "A New Russian Realism" at Meadow Brook Art Gallery featured the works by three contemporary Russian painters.



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Chamber Music Festival, held in mid June.

Best Free Jazz Festivals: Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College and Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Hart Plaza.

Best Musical Series: University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

Best Friend: Frank D. Stella. He's



Best Museum Exhibits: "Bookshop: Hebrew Books, Holy Days Book" was featured in "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" at the DIA.



Best Museum Exhibits: Alice Maher's "Irish Dancers" is in the exhibit, "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ireland," at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

on nearly every list of donors and cultural supporters. In June, his friends got together to pay him homage. They had to rent a ballroom at Cobo Center. And they couldn't sold tickets to fill the Silverdome.

Best Writers Retreat: Cranbrook Retreat for Writers, held in early July. The retreat includes workshops, lectures and readings.

Best Outdoor Arts & Music Festival: "Arts, Beats & Eats" in downtown Pontiac.

Best Gutsy Exhibit at an Art Center: "Body & Soul," curated by John Cynar at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Best Outdoor Art Show (without booths): "No Booth Art Fair" in Rochester Hills, the brainchild of go-their-own-way artists Peter Hackett and friends.

Best Art Created on-Site: Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Best Secret Unveiled: The newly constructed Seligman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day. The center offers 700 seats, an acoustical gem, and possibly a venue for local professional performing groups.

Best Book Fair: Jewish Book Fair, held in early November.

Best Belly Laughs: "Flanagan's

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EXHIBIT

Lyrical painter creates swirling imagery with explosive palette

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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There's an all-too-familiar mystique and tragic sense of irony surrounding Bob Thompson's paintings, currently on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

What: Paintings of Bob Thompson.
When: Through Sunday, Jan. 2.
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900.

In the expansive examination of Thompson's work from the late 1950s to his death in 1966, one theme is particularly strong: Thompson saw painting as a means to an unbridled freedom, both of expression, and perhaps as a path that led beyond the volatile politics of the day.

He may have also been a realist. While there is a strong utopian sensibility in his compositions, many of his earlier works are also imbued with a sense of despair as gray specters haunt the edges of the canvas.

While Thompson, an African American, painted during the time when pop art, abstractionism and ethnocentric art had gained a stranglehold on most artists, his landscapes defy easy classification.



Vivid: The allegorical images of Bob Thompson contain a distinctive personal iconography.

Thompson's choice and contrast of colors has the floating, unpredictable lyrical quality of an improvisational jazz quartet. And in many ways, his paint-

ings have the feel of a works-in-progress. Some art historians might draw parallels with the swirling organic figures of Matisse and the similar tone found in Gauguin's Christian iconography.

Yet clearly, Thompson's work is not derivative. That was perhaps the compelling reason the Whitney Museum had planned a major exhibit of his work. When a new museum director took over last year, however, the Thompson's exhibit was cast aside.

It took Maryanne Wilkinson, curator of modern art at the DIA, nine months to add pieces to the exhibit assembled by the Whitney. She added about one-quarter of the show from works owned by local collectors, including Richard Manoogian and Mike Ilitch.

In the early 1960s, the former Donald Morris Gallery exhibited Thompson's work.

"This is an important show for Detroit," said Wilkinson, who noted that the area boasts one of the largest number of collectors of African American art in the country.

"I hope the exhibit inspires new scholarship," she said. "While Thompson was inspired by what was happening around him, he wasn't involved in racial

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Wake" at Bac Theatre in Pontiac, Jeff Daniel's comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

Best Religious Revival at a Concert: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, who led a night of rock and roll worship at the Palace.

Best Concert Under-attended: Poi Dog Pondering at St. Andrew's Hall.

Best Chance to Rush Main Floor: Family Values Tour 1999 - featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter and Crystal Method - spurred a rush of fans from the nosebleed section down to the already-overcrowded floor at The Palace.

Best Band to Become Household Name: The Push Stars, an alterna-pop sensation on the verge from Boston and Train, who showed listeners

what a return to really good music sounds like with its first single "Meet Virginia."

Best Under-Used Venue: 7th House in downtown Pontiac, complete with quaint tables and balcony seats, all in an unassuming locale.

Best Homecoming Performance for Local Actress: Southfield native Erin Dilly's portrayal of leading lady Bertrande in the musical love triangle "Martin Guerre" at the Fisher Theatre.

Best Attempt to Bring Live, Local Music Back to the Suburbs: The Alley, inside Rochester's Mainstreet Billiards, known for scheduling top-notch local acts in '99.

Best Punk Rock Band: The Demolition Doll Heads, Oakland County's answer to a stripped-

down punk revival. The band was picked up by Matador Records last Spring.

Best Encore: Fans drown in a sea of silver ticker tape at the encore of the Hole show at the State Theatre in Detroit in May. (And Courtney Love didn't even threaten to walk off stage once.)

Public Service Awards: The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan and Art-Serve Michigan for funding and coordinating an unprecedented analysis of audiences for cultural events in southeastern Michigan.

Staff Writers Stephanie Casola, Linda Ann Chomin, Hugh Gallagher, Frank Provenzano, Keely Wagonik and Alice Rhein contributed to this article.

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by the name of Buzz may actually offer an important reminder of what's at stake as we ponder the future.

Peaceful way

Understanding history is a search for contradictions. Whether it's world history, or personal history.

After another year of work, work, work, and the last few weeks of spend, spend, spend, perhaps there's no need for buzz words or catch phrases to describe what lies ahead.

your chest is the sound of your life rushing past.)

Who doesn't need to slow down? Take a breath or several, for that matter.

Perspective is a scarce resource. The only gift worth giving is your time. And if there's anything that can transcend life's contradictions, it's simply a thing called love. Not infatuations found in the virtual-reality broadcast-media drive-thru, or bought on credit, but the deep appreciation wrought from respect and understanding.

At the dawn of a new century,

the past is fading fast. The future is rushing at us at warp speed. And the present?

That's for us to decide.

Before we all find ourselves living in an unknown galaxy, we might want to find our own peaceful way to infinity and beyond.

Let us remember the lessons of the past.

A little perspective, please.

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politics. For the most part, his figures are faceless and multicolored.

Using a self-styled pictorial vocabulary of birds, utopian garden settings and references to paintings by the great masters, Thompson offers the type of originality and fertility that transcends any stylistic trend.

Unfortunately, when Thompson died of sclerosis of the liver, he was only beginning to distill both the narrative quality and vivid coloration in his work.

Sadly, Thompson, too, suffered from the disease of self-indul-

gence that took away some of the other 1960s cultural icons. At 29, Thompson left a trove of paintings, most of which are oils on canvas. Over a seven-year creative output it's estimated that Thompson finished 1,000 paintings.

Like the decade when his work began to mature, Thompson's allegorical imagery swirls with the self-indulgence and rage of the 1960s avant-garde and counter-culture.

But it's probably an exaggeration to claim that his work should be reconsidered alongside

the great painters of the last half of the 20th century.

Yet there's no denying that toward the end of his life, Thompson's work was growing in sophistication and vibrancy. So, too, must have been his inability to control his vices.

In the end, Thompson died far too young. Perhaps that's why his work and career can be summed up with the same words used to describe those other artists who died before their time. Thompson, too, shares the legacy of being a "great maybe."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Southfield, United Artists-Commerce 14, Main Art Theatre III, The Cider House Rules (PG13), Maple Art Theatre III, Mansfield Park (PG13), Oxford 3 Cinemas, L.L.C., AMC Itronica 20, Terrace Cinema, MJA Theatres, Brighton - Cinemas 2, United Artists Oakland, United Artists 12, Ochs, Waterford Cinema 16, and Star Rochester Hills. Each listing includes showtimes and ratings.

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Golf still a relatively new pastime in the United States

In this millennium, kings, presidents, celebrities and children have all become smitten with the elegant diversion of golf. You'll note, though, that in the United States, the ancient game is a relatively new pastime.

Though we've been holding a United States Open Championship since 1895, people have been making their way around the links for more than half of the millennium on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Oh, but we've made up for lost time in America, and specifically here in Michigan, where we've been fortunate to play a major role in the popularity of the game on this side of the pond.

Ex-patriot Scot Donald Ross built some of the revered courses here in southeast Michigan, including Franklin Hills CC, Oakland Hills CC, and Detroit Golf Club, where his brother Alex, winner of the 1907 U.S. Open Championship, served as head golf professional.

Oakland Hills CC enjoyed the services of a colorful golf professional named Walter Hagen. Hagen, who insisted on a lively and spirited lifestyle, was probably the first real American golf superstar. Hagen was only the second American ever to win the U.S. Open when he did it in 1914, and he won it again in 1919, but it was in the PGA Championship that Hagen really dominated.

In Hagen's time, players from England and Scotland dominated tournaments in the United States. Hagen was the first American to win the PGA Championship, which he did in 1921, and then four consecutive times from 1924 through 1927.

"Never worry, never hurry, and always take time to smell the flowers along the way," was Hagen's motto.

Of course, it wasn't only Hagen and Ross that made our area one of the capitol of American golf, it was also the championships that were held here.

Oakland Hills held the U.S. Open in 1924, 1937, 1951, 1961, 1985, and 1996.

The PGA Championship was held at Plum Hollow CC in 1947, Birmingham CC in 1953, Meadowbrook CC in 1955, Oakland Hills in 1972, and again in 1979.

To prove further that southeast Michigan has a special place in golf's major championships, consider the name of Horton Smith, who won the very first Masters Tournament in 1934 and again in 1936 and went on to become head golf professional at Detroit Golf Club.

When the Ryder Cup would not be contested during World War II, where did the great Bobby Jones bring his challengers to play an exhibition match against the American Ryder Cup teams? Right to Oakland Hills where the genuine Ryder Cup Matches will be held in 2003.

Our Buick Open is one of the PGA TOUR's oldest events, and the Senior Players Championship, a Senior Major, is held at the TPC of Michigan every year.

Arnold Palmer, whose nickname was nothing less than "The King," won his first significant tournament at the CC of Detroit. The list of winners and champions that have been crowned in our area is significant, including Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Tony Lema, Gene Littler, Fred Couples, Tom Weiskopf, Hale Irwin and Ben Crenshaw.

According to National Golf Foundation statistics, Michigan consistently leads the nation in building new golf courses and in rounds played.

Warren Orlick, 87, of Birmingham, was the head golf professional at Tam O'Shanter CC in West Bloomfield for 27 years, and was instrumental in getting the word "Caucasian" removed from the eligibility requirements of American PGA Profession-

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Cheers!



Lake Orion's competitive cheer team sets sights on moving up at state finals

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Kelli Mathes is hip with all of today's modern luxuries of technology. She is a frequent user of e-mail and web-sites. But she admits that she feels like a broken record playing the same old tune.

The reason? Mathes' Lake Orion girls competitive cheer team is stuck on the charts at No. 4 and she wants nothing more than to move up this season.

"We've placed fourth the last three years," said Mathes, Lake Orion's sixth-year coach. "We're kind of stuck on that position. The girls have gotten better each year, but we still come up just a little short."

Mathes isn't complaining about these straight top-five finishes. After all, only one team in each of the eight Class A regions advance to the state finals. But she feels her Dragons have a legitimate shot of getting over the hump and cracking this year's top three.

"That's our goal," said Mathes. "These girls want to move up, which will make it seem more like we accomplish them."

If the Dragons qualify out of their regional come late February, they will have their hands full as last year's top three schools — Rochester, Brighton and Grandville — suffered minimal losses to graduation. On the other hand, Lake Orion only graduated two athletes off a team of 17 members. And this year's squad is a little older as there are no freshmen, unlike last season's unit which bolstered five.

"We only have two seniors, but we are very experienced team," beamed Mathes. "Last year we had all of those freshmen, and they're all a year older and stronger now. And this is a junior-sophomore (-laden) team, which will

keep us competitive even beyond this year."

This season began last weekend at the Grosse Ile CCAM Invitational and the Dragons will have eight more tournaments before entering the crucial regional competition two months down the road.

"The girls know that you have to qualify first, but I don't think they're overconfident," she said. "They are working hard — they're very goal-oriented."

The Dragons have put some extra time into gymnastics training at Cheer Elite in Farmington Hills and they are trying to upgrade their Option/Stunt routine, which is the third-and-final round of cheer competition in Michigan.

The extra work is paying off, according to Mathes.

"We're trying to make our routines a little more difficult," explained Mathes. "If we are going to move up and challenge, we have got to keep improving, and if that means trying tougher stunts, then we're going to go for it."

This year's team includes seniors Kristel Coronado and Jennifer Charbonneau, juniors Cheri Charbonneau, Sarah Burgess, Amanda Pesamoska, Erica Baer, Erin Bullock, Meredith Nelson, Tiffany Ciarimataro, and Nicole Perryman, Megan Stauffer, Megan Stout, Katie Bamard, Kandace Piche, Rebekah Armstrong, Stacey Lapoulas, and Jodi Rocosky. And Mathes feels they all want a chance to prove they can compete with neighboring Rochester and Grandville — the state's two most successful cheer programs.

That's why she has upgraded her schedule with several more competitions.

"We'll have a total of nine competitions before regionals, which will give us a chance to try a lot of things," see said. "It will also give

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A leg up: Lake Orion sophomore Kandace Piche (top photo) leaps in unison with her teammates during a recent practice. Meanwhile, junior Erin Bullock (above) kneels at the end of another routine. The Dragons have finished third at the state finals each of the past three years and hope to move up this winter

MHSAA awards 2000 cheer finals to Orion

Dragons to become first Southeastern Michigan School to host competitive cheer championships

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For Susan Wood and Kelli Mathes, the long haul to Western Michigan for the annual MHSAA girls competitive cheer finals has become quite a nuisance. Now, the two local coaches won't have to drive very far at all to watch their teams compete.

In fact, for one area coach, it's in the back yard.

The MHSAA has decided to move the seventh-year sport to Lake Orion High School, with the finals in all four classes being held on March 5, 2000. The previous six seasons, the finals were held in the Battle Creek, Kalamazoo or Grand Rapids areas, making this season's finals a first for Southeastern Michigan.

"It's very exciting," said Mathes, Lake Orion's coach whose team finished fourth in Class A each of the past three seasons. "We finally get to showcase our sport around here."

For Susan Wood, veteran coach at Class A powerhouse Rochester, the defending state champion, it will be a chance to perform without having to leave for the finals destination the day before.

"It's hard on your team to have to travel and spend

the night the day before the finals," said Wood, whose squad has placed in the top three each of the past six years, including three state championships. "The girls leave school on Friday, pack up and drive three hours — and when you're excited and nervous, it's hard to settle down and get a good night's sleep. It will be nice to be able to take it easy on Friday with a light practice and then get up and drive just a short distance to the finals."

"It's good that they decided to rotate the finals over here for a few years because that's only fair," Wood added.

Mathes is excited to be able to host the finals in Lake Orion's two-year-old field house.

"We have great facilities where we can fit everybody in comfortably," said Mathes. "And it's nice to be able to do it in this area. There are some really good teams on this side of the state and this might

help us attract some bigger crowds for our schools."

Being able to attract larger local crowds is a plus for Wood as well.

"We usually have some good support each year from family members and couple groups of students who drive all the way out (to Western Michigan)," said Wood. "Now, we might be able to have more students come watch us compete. Which will be good for are girls, because they work just as hard as the other athletes in the school, but don't get the same amount of support."

With the MHSAA changing sites, there are also a few minor rule changes that were voted in back in October by a state-wide committee of cheer coaches and officials.

This year's finals will have a panel of five judges, with the high and low scores being dropped instead of just having a three-member panel.

Scores will also be counted on by five-tenths of a point, instead of only being rated on by a 1-10 points basis.

"This should make it more accurate and hopefully much more interesting," concluded Mathes.

'We finally get to showcase our sport around here.'

Kelli Mathes
—Lake Orion cheer coach

Fast start has new-look Wildcats shooting for the stars



Oxford fell on some tough times on the volleyball court last winter. However, veteran coach Lori Campbell has high expectations for her junior-laden athletic squad. The Wildcats are off to an impressive 9-3-1 start heading into the holiday break and have set their sights on the FML title.

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Lori Campbell doesn't hesitate to tell you that she has high expectations for her Oxford volleyball team. That's why she's not surprised that her Wildcats are off to impressive 9-3-1 start heading into the holiday break.

"I have very high expectations for this team," boasted Campbell. "I think we're going to surprise some teams this season."

Last season, Oxford had its fair share of ups and downs. A mid-season coaching change, where Mark Ott resigned and Campbell returned to her former post as head coach, slowed the Wildcats at first. But Oxford finally found its rhythm late in the season under Campbell, and finished fourth in the Flint Metro League and with an overall record of 14-21-5.

'I think we're going to surprise some teams this season.'

Lori Campbell
Oxford volleyball coach

The most impressive performer for the Wildcats thus far is 5-foot-11 senior middle-blocker Bethany Pruetz, a talented front-court player who is being recruited by the likes of LaSalle, Oakland, Wisconsin and Edenboro (Pa.), just to name a few.

"She's a very talented player who can hit the ball with great power," said Campbell of Pruetz. "She does so many things on the court very well. She has the ability to play all-around."

Other players that should see time up front include 5-7 junior outside-hitters Jill Stork, Nicole Brockway and Dana Millard, as well as 5-11 junior middle-blocker Andrea Moncrieff, 5-6 junior outside-hitter Jena Podzikowski, a returning letter-winner, and 5-5 junior newcomer Abby Hale, who will see time both as a outside-hitter and a defensive specialist.

The Wildcats are also strong at the setter position, where 5-6 senior Sadie Ball returns. Katie McKinnon, a 5-5 junior newcomer, will back Ball at that position.

"Sadie is very consistent," praised Campbell. "And she plays good defense and is a very good server."

Serving has been a strong point for the Wildcats so far this season, but defense has been a slight concern.

"We have a lot of new girls on the team," she said. "We have some work to do on defense, but I think that will come with time once these girls get used to one another again."

Senior returnees Shannon Bunker and Nikki Davidson, a pair of 5-4 defensive specialists, and 5-4 junior defensive specialist Deanna Bacon, hope to keep Oxford's back row a solid and improving unit.

The lack of height up front does concern Campbell, which is why she pulled up athletic freshmen prospect Caryn Inman. A 5-10 middle-blocker/ outside-hitter, Inman is a fine three-sport athlete who has a season of varsity basketball under her belt.

"She has varsity experience in another sport and she looks like she might be able to help us out here," Campbell added. "She's very quick and can hit the ball. Caryn has a lot of potential."



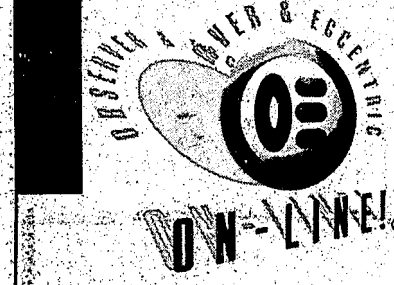
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Mov'n' on up: Members of Oxford's volleyball go through a workout at a recent practice. The Wildcats, coming off a dismal 14-21-5 campaign, only return five players but are off to a very fast start with a 9-3-1 record.

On paper, the Wildcats' entire team has potential, and Campbell feels her team is going to make last season a very distant memory.

"Like I said, I have some high expectations with this team," she said. "I think we can compete with

a lot of teams out there. We didn't have the best record last year being just under five-hundred, so people might overlook us. But I think we'll be able to beat some teams. I like our chances of finishing near the top of our league."



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Marcus Taylor, Lansing Waverly's dynamic Michigan State-bound senior, captivated the crowd Tuesday night. But Orchard Lake St. Mary's stole the show and grabbed the Holiday Hoops Classic championship.

Before a crowd of 4,100 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center, the Eaglets showed they're among the state's top boys basketball teams by overcoming an 11-point second-half deficit for a 77-65 win over Waverly in the tournament's inaugural title game.

Senior guard Maurice Searight netted a team-high 25 points and Tournament MVP Jonte Jones scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half to help OLSM (4-0) hand the Class A Warriors (5-1) their first setback.

"This was the first time this season that

I've gotten into a zone like that," Jones, saddled in the first half by three fouls, said. "I knew I had the hot hand, so I was just going at them. The coaches told me just stay focused, don't get down and come out in the second half and still play with intensity. I just had to play smarter and not take any chances on defense."

Taylor finished with a game-high 26 points, but OLSM's man-to-man defense led by junior Grant Mason helped limit the multi-talented guard to four fourth-quarter points. Jones, meanwhile, scorched the nets for 15 points in the final 6:21.

The 5-foot-10 senior guard knocked down a 3-pointer — his third of the second half — with 4:05 left to give the Eaglets their first lead, 64-63. Jones then scored OLSM's next three baskets, including a difficult baseline jumper with 2:15 remaining, that extended the advantage to 70-65.

"The last three or four minutes went our way tonight and we were fortunate to come out of here with a victory," OLSM coach George Porritt said. "We always feel that we're in the game. We're a team of streaks and we can put a lot of points on the board in a hurry."

"They've got some winners on that ball team and they refused to lose," Waverly coach Phil Odium said of the Eaglets. "I thought maybe we got a little tired down the stretch, but that's not an excuse. We didn't execute when the game got close. We left Jonte Jones open in the corner a couple of times and he hit a couple of huge threes."

"They just did an outstanding job," Odium added. "They're ranked No. 1 in the state and as far as I'm concerned they're the No. 1 team in the state right now."

Waverly registered the game's first eight points and led 33-18 midway through the second quarter. OLSM

turned to a press and a zone defense to close within 38-34 at halftime and the Eaglets continued to force turnovers in the pivotal second half.

"We weren't frustrated, because we knew if we stuck together as a team and stayed focused and just kept playing hard, that we were going to win the game," Jones said. "We knew we had to pick up our defense in order to stop them and our defense was going to help bring our offense around. And that's exactly what happened."

Searight's 16 second-half points also helped ignite the rally. Jermaine Gonzales finished with 12 points and Charles Davis and Mason had seven points apiece.

Senior forward Terry Reddick contributed 15 points for Waverly and Iowa-bound senior center Cortney Scott had 11 points.

OLSM returns to the court Jan. 4 at Detroit St. Martin DePorres.

Reporting scores

With the winter sports season already in full swing for some area teams, the Eccentric would like to remind all varsity coaches to please send in their results by one of the following methods:

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Many schools from around the Detroit Metropolitan area have been involved in this program for many years, and positions are limited.

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us a barometer as to where we are at and where we need to be. We'll be able to see what we need to improve on. Having more competitions should help us. It might be tiring at times, but it should help us."

Another intangible that should help Lake Orion is the school will be hosting this season's MHSAA state championship on March 5, 2000 —

the first time that the competitive cheer finals will be hosted by a school from Southeastern Michigan.

"It will be great competing in a familiar gym with some support behind you in the stands," said Mathes. "Maybe, that will help us get past fourth-place."

Perhaps, enough to get the record to skip to the next song?

ALL-FBAC GIRLS BASKETBALL

Here are the 1999 Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference 1999 All-League Girls Basketball Teams, as selected by the league's coaches, plus the final standings.

LEAGUE MVP — Katy Weidman, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.
RED DIVISION — Katie Snyder, Troy Bethany Christian 5-8 soph. F; Katy Weidman, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-7, sr. G; Becky Gorham, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-8 sr. F; Paula Boers, Rochester Hills Christian 5-5 sr. G; Holley Vanaman, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-9 Jr. F/C; Sarah Beardslee, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-3 Fr. G; Kellie Fornwall, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-5 sr. G.

BLUE DIVISION — Susan Markovitch, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-9 jr. G; Stephanie Boggs, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-8 jr. F; Melissa Viano, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-8 jr. F; Janelle Durask, Warren Antioch Baptist 5-4 soph. G; Jennifer McLean, Garden City United Christian 5-6 jr. F; Amy Glassmeyer, Garden City United Christian 5-9 sr. C; Ashley Robinson, Garden City United Christian 5-1 soph. G.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Oxford Christian — Jennifer Barnhart, 5-8 jr. G; Sterling Heights Christian — Jill Albright, 5-8 fr. C; Tricia Gotzmann, 5-1 soph. G; **Clarkston Springfield Christian** — Amanda Vanaman, 5-6 soph. G; **Rochester Hills Christian** — Leini Ostling, 5-10 fr. C; Christine Collesano, 5-7 soph. F; **Clinton Township Faith Christian** — Megan Wetzel, 5-7 jr. G; Jennifer Wetzel, 5-5 fr. G; Amanda McClellan, 5-8 jr. F; **Troy Bethany Christian** — Katie Reece, 5-5 soph. G.

RED DIVISION STANDINGS — 1. Clarkston Springfield Christian (17-4, 10-0); 2. Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (12-6, 7-3); 3. Troy Bethany Christian (8-7, 6-4); 4. Rochester Hills Christian (8-8, 4-6); 5. Clinton Township Faith Christian (2-12, 2-8); 6. Sterling Heights Christian (0-10, 0-10).

BLUE DIVISION STANDINGS — 1. Warren Antioch Baptist (12-5, 4-0); 2. Garden City United Christian (3-4, 2-2); 3. Oxford Christian (NA, 0-4); 4. Wixom Christian (no team); Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist (no team).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Below are the varsity sports schedules for high schools in the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. All times are subject to change, so please call the respective school before attending.

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 26-27
(No events scheduled)

Tuesday, Dec. 28
BASKETBALL — Oxford Christian Alumni Game at Lake Orion First Baptist Church (TBA).

VOLLEYBALL — Oxford Christian Alumni Game at Lake Orion First Baptist Church (TBA); Lake Orion at West Bloomfield

Tournament (8:30 a.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 29
BASKETBALL — Lake Orion vs. Utica at Oakland University Showcase Invitational (4 p.m.); Clarkston vs. Detroit Redford at Cobo Hall (4 p.m.).

WRESTLING — Clarkston at Goodrich Invitational (10 a.m.).

Thursday, Dec. 30
WRESTLING — Lake Orion, Oxford at Oxford Invitational (9:30 a.m.).

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31, Jan 1.
(No events scheduled)

Clarkston rebounds, ices Troy, 5-1

After dropping an unexpected game to Birmingham Unified last week, Clarkston's hockey team was eagerly awaiting the chance to take out its frustrations on its next opponent. And unfortunately for Troy Unified, it was the Wolves' next foe.

Clarkston senior goaltender Steve Badger was sterling between the pipes and the offense did the rest as the Wolves throttled Troy 5-1 Monday at Troy Sports Arena in an Oakland Activities Association Division I match.

The win moved Clarkston, ranked sixth in the Division I state coaches' association polls, into sole possession of first-place in the six-team division.

While Badger was busy recording a season-high 31 saves in net, senior forward Bill Kalush was

busy leading the attack, when he outskated Troy's defense and slipped in a shot off feeds from seniors Tom Newman and Anthony Facione, which gave Clarkston a 1-0 advantage through two periods.

Troy, however, knotted the score on a tally by Brian Kelly early in the third period.

Then the floodgates opened. Derek Hool tallied the eventual game-winner just under one minute later, followed by goals from Adam Postal, Facione and Jason Stoecker for Clarkston.

Hool, Jon Bemis, Steve Janowiak, Ryan McKinnon and Nick Turner also recorded assists for the Wolves (6-3-1, 2-2-1), who outshot the Blackhawks by a 37-32 margin.

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als. Orlick also served a term as president of the PGA of America.

Birmingham is also the home of Bud Erickson, who was once the top public relations official for the LPGA in its most formative years.

Tom Chisholm Sr., of Bloomfield Hills, serves on the Board of Governors of the United States Golf Association, and Jean Myers, also of Bloomfield Hills, is a highly respected USGA rules official. Bloomfield Hills resident Bob McMasters just finished a term as president of the Western Golf Association, one of golf's oldest and most influential organizations, and the donors of the virtuous Evans Scholarships.


Wayne Doran, of Dearborn, currently serves on the PGA TOUR's Golf Course Properties Board.

Ken Devine, Executive Director of the Michigan PGA serves on the advisory board of "The First Tee," which is a cooperative and noble effort to spread the game of golf into urban and remote rural areas around the United States.

This effort will make the game accessible to kids that might otherwise have never been exposed to it for both geographic and economic reasons.

As what can rightly be called the "American Century" of golf winds down in the next few days, you can take heart in the fact that southeast Michigan has an important place in the past, present and future of our elegant diversion.

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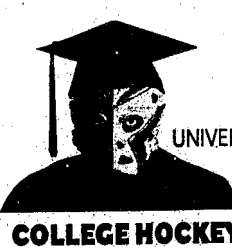
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Going, going, gone

Auto auction may be your answer to an affordable car

BY KEN VAN STRENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Going once, going twice, sold! That's the sound of a good deal going down at the Midwest Auto Auction in Redford. If you're looking for an older used car at a great price, then you should put your bid on one of the area's only auctions that's open to the public.

The auction, located at 14666 Telegraph, is held twice a week — once at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and again at 10 a.m. on Friday. While it won't cost you a dime to get on the auction floor, it may save you hundreds of dollars.

"A lot of people come here right after work. We didn't always have a nighttime auction but there was such a demand we added one," said owner George Badeen.

In these days of Internet bidding and electronic price wars, it might surprise some attendees that a real, live auctioneer calls out bids in a stereotypical drawl that seems more suited to the Kansas state fair.

And while the Midwest Auto Auction does have an Internet presence, it also has an owner who hails from the deep south and has schooled the uninitiated on the finer points of calling an auction.

Badeen, who was born in Kansas and raised in Texas, started out towing cars over twenty years ago at the Midwest Auto Auction. He spent time as a clerk before finally becoming an auctioneer himself, and to this day he still runs the auction when he finds himself in a pinch for a good deal caller.

While some of his auctioneers honed their skills at special schools through out the Midwest, Badeen said his expertise comes from hands-on experience.

"A couple of other auctioneers have helped me out along the way, but I just picked it up over the years. I had a good ear for the rhythm and the chant.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CAINEGGI

Making deals: Midwest Auto Auction owner George Badeen shows off some of the used cars that will soon be on the auction block.

It's been a while since I've done it on a regular basis, but I did recently have to fill in when we had an auctioneer come down with a bad sore throat," Badeen said.

Most of the auction's cars come from used car dealer's lots or bank repossessions. They're separated into two "lines" for auction: the "a line," which is comprised of newer, better quality cars, and the "b line," cars which have higher mileage and more wear and tear.

The sellers pay a flat \$75 fee to enter their vehicle, then an additional percentage of the final sale.

Badeen said about 225 cars usually change hands during one of the sales, although the auctions are usually a little slower during the holidays.

"It's pretty dead until about the second week in January," he explained.

Internet aficionados can view a live stream with sound from the auction twice a week.

"We have certain customers that like to watch the auction as it's happening to see if their sales are going through," Badeen said.

However, Midwest hasn't yet ironed out the kinks of electronic bidding.

"We'd like to get into (Internet auctions) but we haven't launched anything yet. Selling cars out of state can be a real headache, you get in to a lot of different regulations and different sales taxes. It could be done, but we need to put a lot more work into it," he explained.

Midwest has also sponsored several charity auctions, the most recent of which supported extracurricular activities and equipment for schools in Redford, Badeen said.

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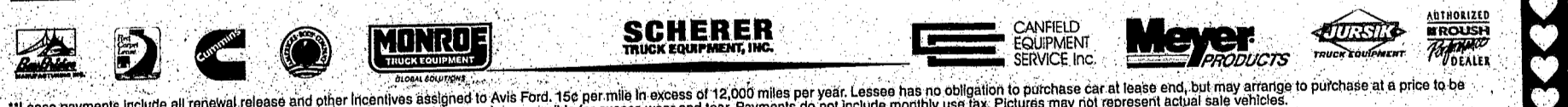
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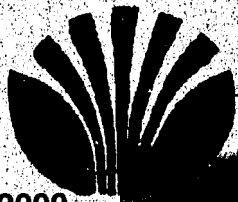
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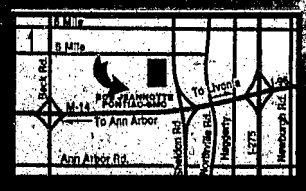
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BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Technology may be the buzzword in the job market for 2000, but - guess what? - so is liberal arts.

"Liberal arts students are being actively sought because of their ability to learn, problem-solve and communicate," said Terri LaMarco, associate director of Career Planning and Placement for the University of Michigan.

Add some technical skills to that liberal arts major and you have what LaMarco calls "a great thinker, but not afraid of analysis."

Nationally, hiring from college campuses is up from for the third consecutive year, 11 percent this year, said LaMarco.

There are few areas in the current job market, other than bank tellers and farmers, that are bad avenues, she added. E-careers - those in electronic commerce - comprise the most dynamic inroads for success, especially with all the start-up businesses and Internet activity in existing organizations.

"When you look at the top 10 hot jobs, the first eight are technology related, said Judith Kaufman, a career counselor at Schoolcraft College, citing an article that appeared in the Nov. 1, 1999, issue of U.S. News & World Report. (See related story.)



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Job-talk: Schoolcraft College career counselor Judith Kaufman (left) discusses career opportunities with returning student Joanne Stadnicar.

U of M e-Fair

The University of Michigan Career Planning and Placement service is sponsoring an e-Fair Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000. This all new job fair is designed to link Internet/new media employers with students from a variety of backgrounds, including liberal arts, sciences, information technology, business, art, music, and public health. For more information, call (734) 764-7460.

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E-commerce accounting and "any kind of trading on the Web," are hot, real hot. Michigan mimics this national profile.

Kaufman sees every kind of job-seeker, from 18-year-old students to 40-year-olds in career transition to retirees won-

dering "what else am I going to do."

She pointed out a developing trend. "I also see a lot of people job-hopping because companies cannot offer career ladders of lifetime employment," Kaufman said.

Job-hoppers do so to gain new skills, have the opportunity to work on different types of projects and simply for professional growth.

Whether you're job-hopping, changing careers or seeking a first-time job, you have to be your own career manager, Kaufman said. "Today, you have to be a free agent. You have to take care of yourself... You are responsible for the direction of your career. It's a real new concept."

In addition to managing your own career, you must be what LaMarco refers to as a "generalist." Because so many new companies in the Internet or e-commerce industry have small staffs and operate around the clock, new employees

What type of questions to ask at job interviews.

Q. I have a good resume and can get interviews. My biggest problem is coming up with questions to ask in order to appear interested. Any suggestions?

- Sandra K.

A. Nothing will turn an interviewer off faster than a candidate who sits across the desk like a taciturn bag of protoplasm.

The conventional wisdom is that a failure to ask questions demonstrates a lack of interest in the position. Well, maybe. But experienced interviewers can anticipate the standard questions and often incorporate the answers into a rather long introductory statement.

There is nothing wrong with this except that candidates then can't use the questions they gleaned from a "how to interview" book and it forces them to think up relevant stuff quickly. (Some people are determined to stick with their game plans, however. I called one candidate last week.

and explained that the position was in a union environment and he would be supervising about 20 people. Five minutes later he nervously asked me if the place had a union and how many people he would be supervising. I was feeling evil. I told him it was a non-union environment and he would be supervising about 6 people. Silence.)

There is a larger problem associated with a failure to ask questions: It places the entire burden of facilitating conversation on the interviewer. Most managers shoot their line of introduc-

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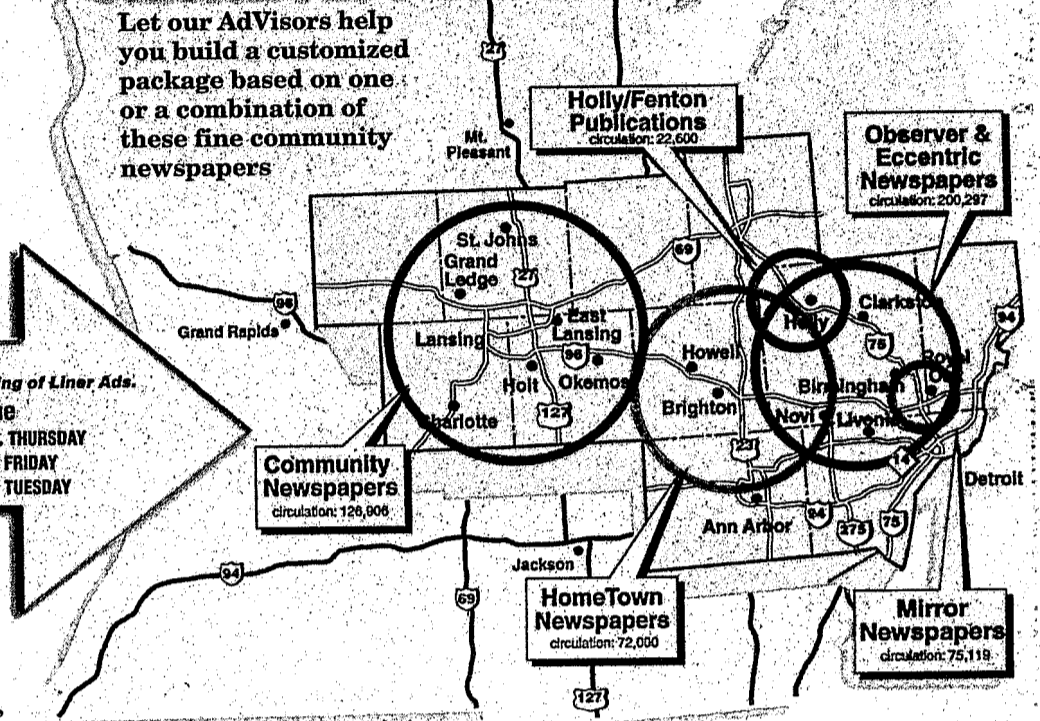
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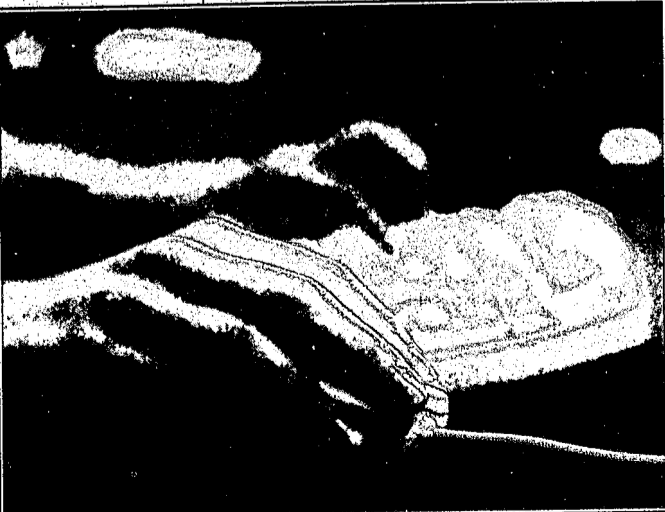
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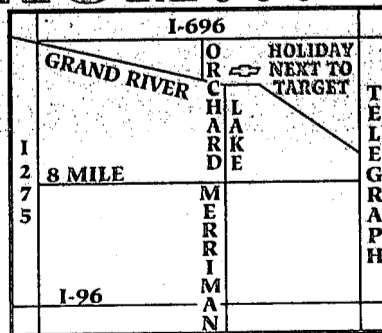
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Smaller houses may be coming

People have met their need for shelter in caves, tents, huts, cabins and farmhouses.

More recently, they've lived in dwellings above businesses in villages; in apartments, tenements and single-family homes in urban centers; and in large houses on large lots and attached condominiums in suburbia.

A roof over the head has been about the only common denominator since ancient times as far as the structure goes.

While no one knows for sure what the future will bring, several builders here took a stab at what homebuyers may encounter in the year 2025.

Instead of one home of 3,000 square feet, suggests James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder in business for 53 years, folks with the money may choose to own a couple in the 1,800-2,000 range.

"Even now, some people have a house here, a house up north and a house down south," he said. "They sold the big house and have three smaller ones."

"Why have a big house here and no other place to live? I've had people tell me they have a big house and haven't been upstairs in six months."

Modular housing with a heavy emphasis on electronics will become prevalent, Bonadeo said.

"The house will be built in components and built in a factory due to labor costs and inefficiency in construction," he said. "It will have a great deal of electronics - an electronic oven where you can start breakfast before you get up, an electronic exercise machine next to the bedroom."

Brick veneer and drywall will be installed on panels at the factory rather than on-site stick construction, Bonadeo said.

Folks will continue to demand on-site amenities such as ponds, nature areas and recreational options, he added.

"You'd be amazed at how many people are going condo," he said. "Even younger people. They want to lock the door, (go) and be safe."

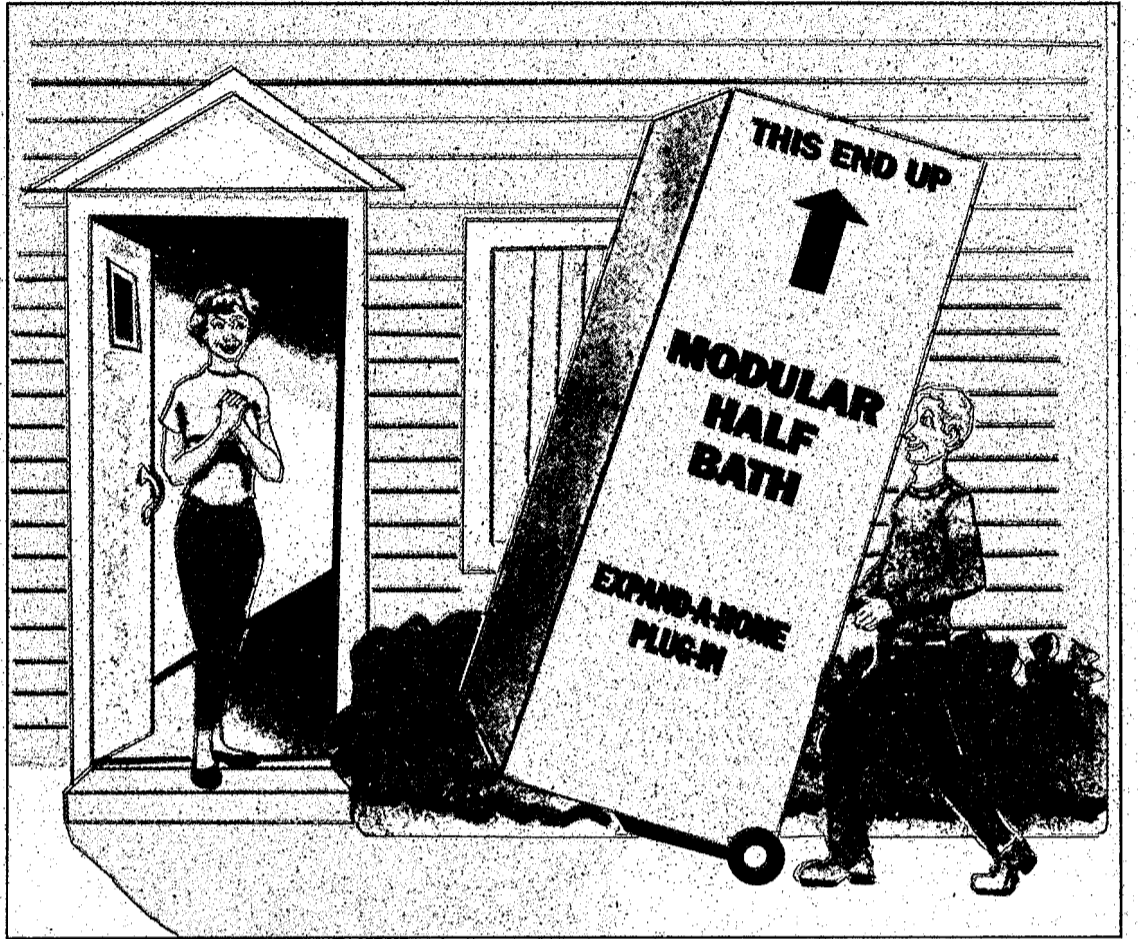
Joe Rotondo, a Farmington builder, also predicts that houses will get smaller but garages bigger.

"I think people will start gearing down," he said. "I think the Japanese are already doing it. They have a lot smaller homes. They use space a lot more efficiently."

"I don't think we'll go with as much footage," Rotondo said. "We'll get smaller with more amenities, alarms, TVs. You're going to see a lot more electronics, computers, cameras."

"Also, bigger garages," he added. "People need more storage."

"Materials, it's hard to say," Rotondo



said. "That changes all the time. Structural materials, a lot more particle board. They make joists out of wood shavings now."

Plastics, modular rooms and fuel cells could be in homes of the future, said Fred Capaldi, a second-generation builder based in Birmingham.

"I look for more plastic - in addition to steel studs and joists - where I think it will take on a bigger role," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see some plastic 2-by-4s."

"I would also look for more of what I would call modular-type units in a house," Capaldi said. "You need another bedroom, you have removable walls. You go to the local building supply house and buy it, or maybe a bath module and move other partitions around so it fits the floor plan."

"The wife may decide to not only move the furniture but move the walls

around," he said.

Capaldi also sees fuel cells providing electrical and gas utility service to homes of the future. "It will be some sort of renewable thing ... hooked up to the wall," he said.

Houses probably will be a little smaller with plenty of outlets for computer connections, Capaldi speculated, but he doesn't totally discount mansions.

"Some people will still want big houses," Capaldi said. "It's always been that way. Look at the big estates, castles."

Dennis Park, president of Energy Saver Homes in Walled Lake, said he doesn't see a lot of changes in the size or features in houses 25 years from now.

"For the general public, the house is their biggest investment. I see them looking for a safe investment. A safe investment for them is similar to what

they've always seen."

People will continue to commute from the suburbs, although urban living will grow slightly more popular, Park expects. Lot and house sizes will remain the same.

Two areas will change significantly, Park predicts.

"I see us ... replacing a lot of lumber products with recycled products ... paper/ plastics or some other means of recycled trash with viable expansion and contraction," he said.

"Mechanicals will change and be much more efficient ... thermostatically controlled rooms as well as homes," Park speculated.

And what about price?

The builders had the same answer to that one - up.

Home combines farmhouse look, modern living

In some respects, the Evansville looks like an old-fashioned country farmhouse. The wide, wrap-around front porch certainly has that flavor.

But the left side, with its wide bay windows and gazebo-shaped roof, puts this plan in a class by itself. The small gabled balcony at the second floor stair landing is also unique.

Inside the roomy 2,800-square-foot home, you'll find a broad spectrum of living environments.

The formal spaces - living room and dining room - are on the left, separated by a column-flanked passageway. The den at the front could serve as a home office, guest room or what have you.

Informal living spaces span the entire rear portion of the main floor, creating a huge, entirely open area.

Family members will spend most of their together time here, cooking in the big kitchen, lingering over steaming cups in the nook, or relaxing in the family room.

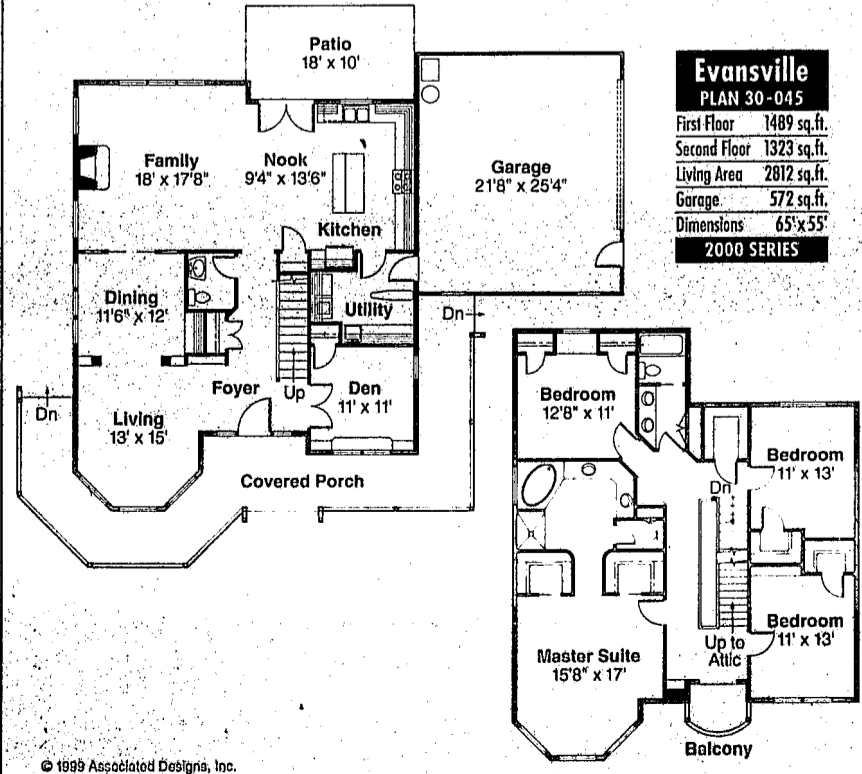
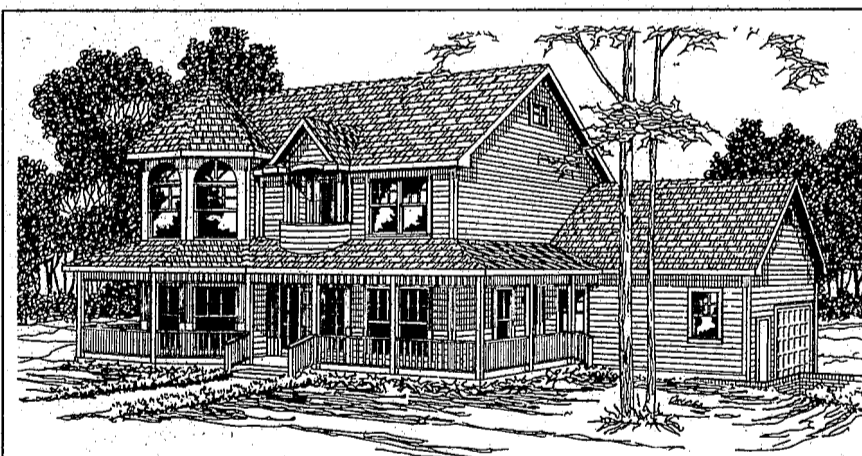
French doors open onto the patio, so it's easy to move meals outside when the weather permits.

The utility room, tucked between kitchen and garage, has a long folding counter and a deep sink. A powder room, right smack dab in the center of the house, is close to everything.

Graceful, arched windows add a touch of elegance to a master suite with his-and-hers closets. Luxuries in the master bathroom include an oversized shower, spa tub, twin vanities and a private toilet.

Two of the other bedrooms have walk-in closets, and there's walk-in storage at the top of the stairs as well.

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DeMattia builds Graco's new digs

DeMattia Group, a development/ design/ build firm, leased its new 21,000-square-foot, high-tech building to Graco Inc. The new facility is in DeMattia's MetroWest Technology Park in Plymouth.

Approximately 25 employees will support Graco's automotive clients in the facility, which consists of 60 percent office space and 40 percent research and development space.

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Mortgage rates rise

Mortgage rates rose in the Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by www.MortgageDetroit.com and Freddie Mac:

■ 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 7.98 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 7.81 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 7.57 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 7.42 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ One-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 6.56 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 6.48 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ One Year Ago the average 30-year mortgage loan was at 6.77 percent and 1.0 points and fees, 15-year 6.41 and 1.0 points and fees and one-year adjustable-rate mortgage 5.58 and 1.1 points and fees.

■ Nearly one-third of all mortgages in 1999 were adjustable-rate mortgages - Much of the increase in the adjustable-rate mortgage share in 1999 can be attributed to the rising expense of fixed-rate loans. Currently, adjustable-rate mortgage lending represents about a third of all new single-family loans, according to industry sources.

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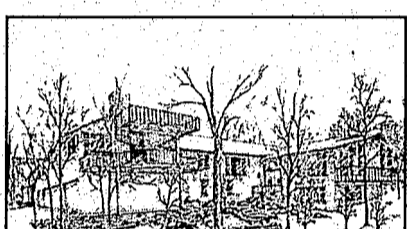
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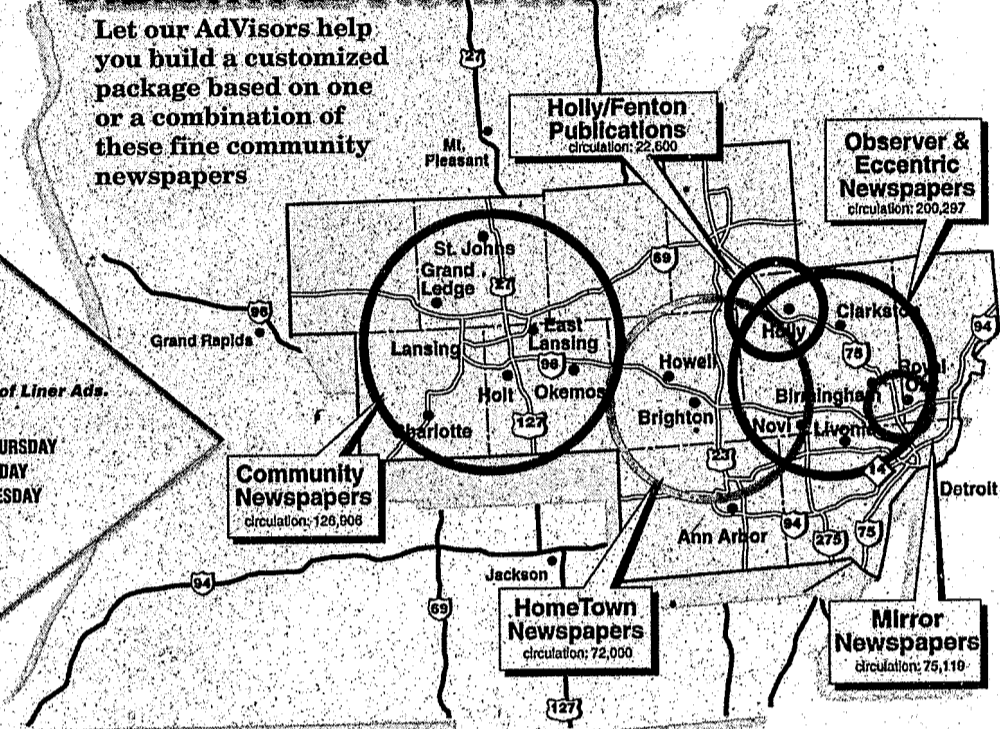


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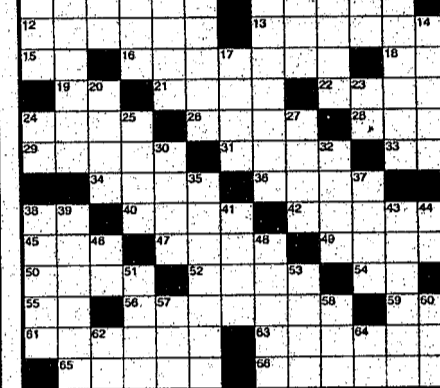
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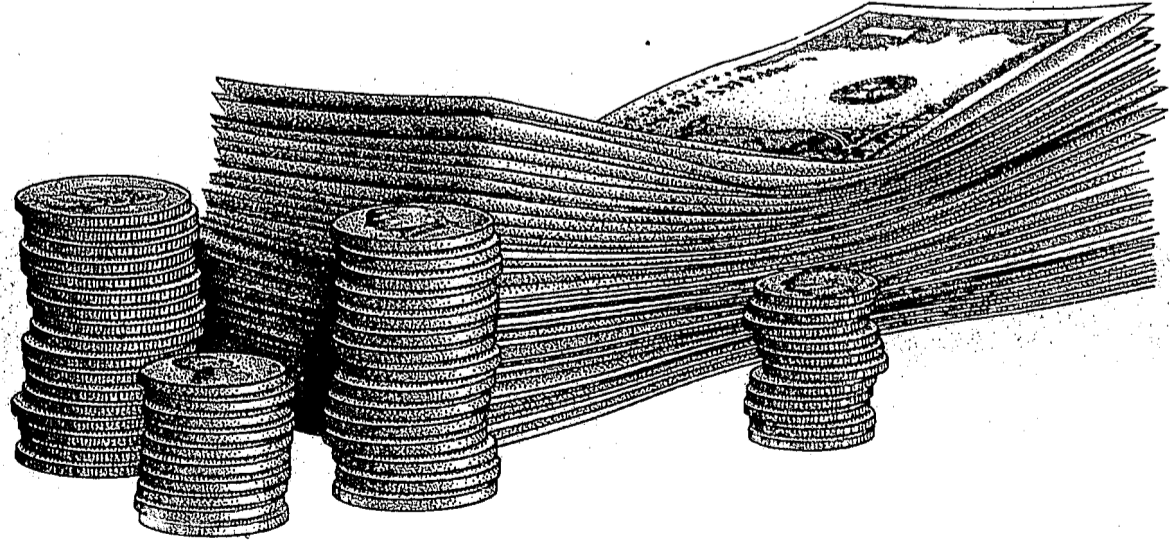
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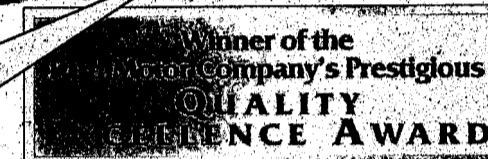


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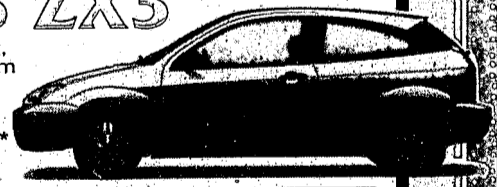
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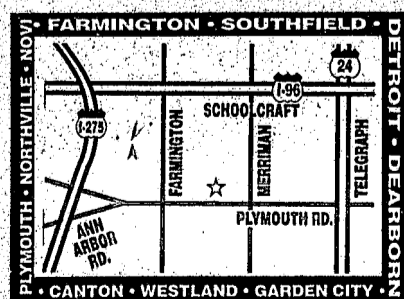
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